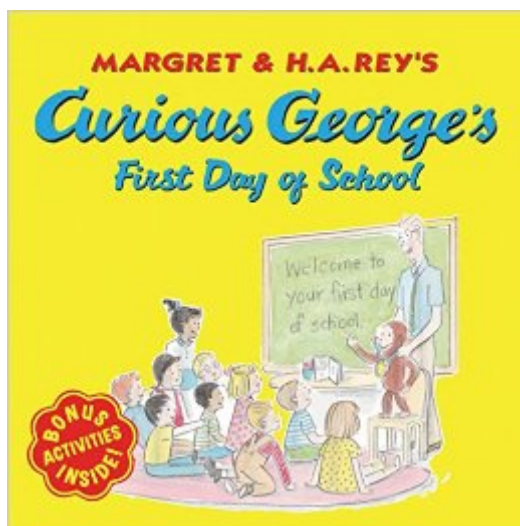


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# Curious George's First Day Of School



## Synopsis

It's the first day of school, and Curious George has been invited to Mr. Apple's class to be a special helper! George is just the right monkey for the job until he starts to wreak his usual havoc, that is. Red and yellow paint makes orange, yellow and blue makes green . . . and a mixture of all the paint colors makes a big mess! Curious George and the First Day of School is a story based on H. A. and Margret Rey's popular primate and painted in the original watercolor and charcoal style. A full-color twenty-four-page paperback with bonus activities inside, including an Ants on a Log recipe, a word search, and a Color Your World craft idea. For more monkey fun, investigate [www.curiousgeorge.com](http://www.curiousgeorge.com) and discover all the latest on Curious George books, promotions, games, activities, and more!

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## Customer Reviews

This book, written relatively recently and drawn by Anna Grossnickle Hines pales in comparison to the longer and more involved stories of Curious George from Rey's early portfolio. George faces no serious crisis, and his curiosity is unportrayed. The story begins with George and his friend eating breakfast and preparing to go to school. Where the story could have used this situation to explore

the anxiety of first-time school children, the author simply puts George in the position of teacher's assistant. Then, the kids all play happily and George helps them. To this point, the story is wholly uninteresting, unfortunately. What happens next is the typical "George gets curious" plot point, except that George doesn't seem curious about what he is doing. He mixes paints to make new colors and ends up making a big mess. He is never really portrayed as being curious about what colors are to be created, nor is he very curious about anything else. After the mess, the teacher does nothing of importance, neither scolding George for his curiosity nor assuring him that everything is fine. Of course George feels like he needs to help, so he goes straight to the janitor's closet to get a mop and ends up spilling water everywhere. Again, George is not portrayed as curious, only bumbling. In the end, all the kids feel sorry for George and help him clean up the mess. George gets the praise of the principal and janitor and everyone goes home happy. The story is short, trite, and not true to the Curious George character. I did not like the book. It is a pale shadow of other Curious George books like Curious George goes to the Hospital and Curious George Takes a Job. It's not terrible, but it really doesn't have much going for it.

My grandson loves Curious George so I got him this book to help celebrate his first day of preschool. He is so excited and the thought of George being in school too is so fun for him. This is a cute book that focuses on how much fun school is and how good it is to be a good helper. Great book for focusing on the positives of going to school. So glad I bought this book for him.

I bought this book for my child who is beginning Kindergarten this fall. He is a big fan of Curious George. This is a good book to start talking more about beginning school! He really enjoys this book. I find any time there is a big transition in kid's lives it is good to have a couple of good books to help them feel more comfortable with the transition, this is one of those.

This book came at such an awesome price on that I couldn't turn it down. My son is starting school in September and loves Curious George so this was a perfect fit. This was an easy read too with about 1-3 sentences a page. I like that on the last page of the book there was a healthy snack recipe and a seek and find puzzle. Good buy and definitely recommend it

Curious George's First Day of School carries along like almost every other Curious George story - introduction of George, he finds himself getting in trouble, Man with the Yellow Hat (MWTYH) bails him out and everyone thanks George for saving the day. What's not to love? My 6 year old son

loves Curious George. It's incredible how much he picks up on from story to story. As he advances his own reading, this is a story he absolutely adores!

Curious George's First Day of School by H.A Rey is a book that I would recommended for children who are about to start school since it describes school as a place that involves learning activities such as painting. Then these students will look forward to going to school because of the fun learning activities. George also makes many friends in class; this is also something that the young readers could look forward to when going to school. This book also portrays the teacher Mr. Apple as welcoming since he chooses George to be his special helper not knowing that George is very mischievous and ends up covering the classroom with paint. Then there are no serious consequences for George other than cleaning up the mess and Mr. Apple helps him as well, demonstrating that even though mistakes are made the teacher will always be supportive of the student's learning and help them in any way that they can.

My son, age three, has been obsessed with Curious George for about a year now. We have most of the book titles in print now. I purchased Curious George's First Day of School for my son a few months before he began preschool to help prepare him for the experience. While this book is more about George visiting an elementary or primary school classroom, it did help start the conversation with my son about going to school. Of course, in this tale George finds a way to cause more unintentional trouble, with a happy ending. The story is simple and appeals to my little preschooler. A must for every Curious George fan! A side note: this story is written and illustrated in the more classic George style, not the PBS television show.

I have the Kindle edition of this book (It's great to be able to take the Kindle places and read stories to my daughter). Unlike other Curious George books I have on kindle, the print is very small and cannot be enlarged. The story itself was OK and my daughter enjoyed it.

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