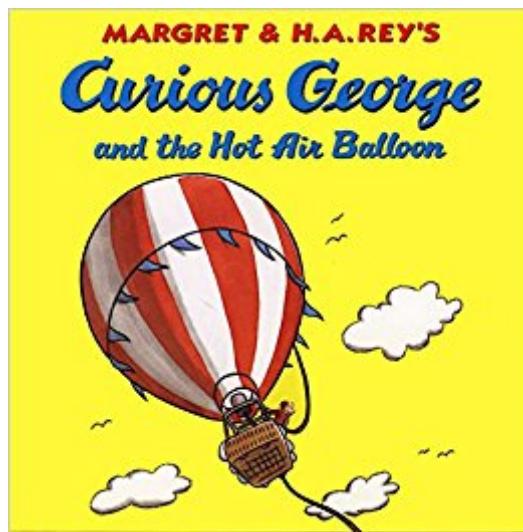


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# Curious George And The Hot Air Balloon



## **Synopsis**

While on vacation, George and the man with the yellow hat stop to see Mt. Rushmore. There's no time to take a helicopter ride for a close-up view - the hot air balloon races are about to start! Whisked up and away at the races, a surprised George gets a close-up view of the presidents after all. The adventures of Curious George continue in an all-new series beginning in fall 1998 with eight new stories. Written and illustrated in the style of Margret and H. A. Rey, the books will appear in paperback (8 x 8") and hardcover editions and will feature the art of Vipah Interactive, the animators of HMI's Curious George CD-ROMs.

## **Book Information**

Series: Curious George

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 1-These two books take a familiar, favorite character and create an imitation of his curiosity, but without the Reys' usual spark and attention to detail. In Hot Air Balloon, George is playing with an anchor rope and the balloon takes off with him aboard. It blows quite close to the nose of George Washington at Mt. Rushmore where the monkey unwittingly rescues a worker and becomes a hero. He is rewarded with a helicopter ride around the monument. When Curious George Goes to a Movie, the man with the yellow hat leaves to get popcorn and George goes up to the projection booth where he startles the projectionist, who knocks the reels off the projector. While he untangles the film, George does shadow figures to amuse the audience and again becomes a

hero. Both books read like anemic summaries of the original Curious George adventures, but with the lessons eliminated. It is disconcerting that this George never receives so much as a mention of the follies of his curiosity, but is immediately rewarded for a chance good deed, which happens as part of the cover-up for his naughtiness. Both the blandness and the mixed messages make these titles bad advertising for the real Curious George.Nancy A. Gifford, Schenectady County Public Library, NYCopyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Curious George certainly deserves a spot on the shelf, and these engaging stories will provide a good exercise in imagination and creativity. A solid choice, especially with an all-new animated adventure based on the classic tales debuting as a feature film ..."Title reviewed -- School Library Journal 4/1/2009 "School Library Journal 4/1/2009" --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

The whole Curious George series has been a favorite of my kids. From very early on, we started reading them to them, and the older they got, the more there was to learn and understand from the books and the pictures. Some reviewers have complained that these are not the original Curious George books or that the plot is very repetitive. While these are not the originals, my kids do not seem to mind, and I don't think they are "worse" than the originals, just slightly different if at all. The plot is repetitive but that is because George is always getting into trouble so you have the same pattern--he gets curious, he does something naughty, something bad happens, then something good comes out of the bad event, and then everyone is happy and George is usually a hero. This does not bother me in the least. My kids find his adventures interesting and never get bored with that "plot." To them, it is funny and what makes Curious George funny. Sure, if this was an adult book then the repetition might be problematic but thankfully it is not an adult book! The illustrations are nice and detailed and provide a lot of material for my kids to look at while I read the story to them. The quality of the pages is good and it's nice that there is sometimes stickers or a little activity in the back, though truthfully my kids have never cared for them much. I like that there are many of these books because my kids become familiar with George and the concept of series, and can distinguish one book in the series from another and even have favorites. I really don't think you can go wrong with these books. I don't know many other kids that don't like these. They are a good investment!

Perfect book for the classroom with a hot air balloon theme!!! I didn't even know it existed until I was

searching hot air balloon items. Cute story and kids love George!!

Received as described. Absolutely no problems with this product.

Perfect! Loved it, service was great!

who doesn't love a good book.

Not a board book, it's a soft cover. It still made a nice gift for the baby shower. The parents are doing hot air balloon nursery.

Having recently attended the Balloon Fiesta in NM, the kids wanted to know more about hot air balloons. The story is cute and typical for this character, with a fairly unrealistic story line. The monkey is up to his usual antics and manages to go aloft in a balloon. Cute for about ages 6 or under.

Don't get me wrong i like the story but this tablet version stunk. The pictures were tiny. And there were two sets of words. I thought that this was an interactive book but there was no interaction at all.

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