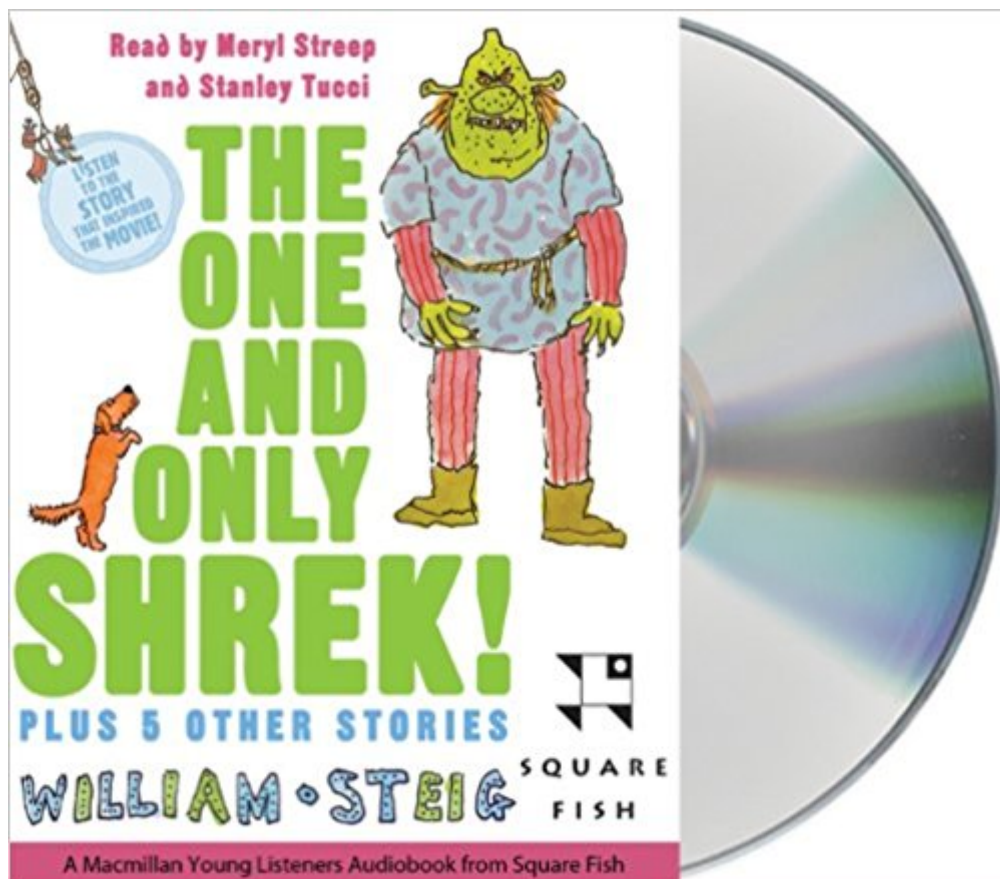




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The One And Only Shrek!: Plus 5 Other Stories



Synopsis

To mark the 100th birthday of William Steig and in anticipation of the next blockbuster movie Shrek the Third, Macmillan Audio presents The One and Only Shrek! the must-have collection of Steig classics featuring everyone's favorite ogre, read by Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

• Since one of the great pleasures of Steig's books is the language he uses, it's a particular delight to have the recording of The One and Only Shrek! Plus Five Other Stories read by Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci. You can really hear that the brilliance of 'Shrek' lies in the language Steig uses...one of the most delightful moments is when Shrek accosts a peasant, who is busy 'singing and scything,' and Tucci snarls Shrek's greeting: 'You there, varlet, why so blithe?' Shrek then robs the yokel of his lunch: 'Pheasant, peasant? What a pleasant present!' • Los Angeles Times • Listeners will surely hear the glee dripping from the full-bodied, though never over-the-top, performances by Streep and Tucci. • Publishers Weekly (starred review) • I did, I admit, compare my narrative abilities to those of Tucci and Streep...And yes, they were better. What did you expect? But what great material they had to work with. • Malcolm Jones, Newsweek • Since one of the great pleasures of Steig's books is the language he uses, it's a particular delight to have the recording of "The One and Only Shrek! Plus Five Other Stories" read by Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci. You can really hear that the brilliance of "Shrek" lies in the

language Steig uses rather than in the slender story. The ogre's extreme repulsiveness gives Steig plenty of opportunity to trot out a vile vocabulary, but one of the most delightful moments is when Shrek accosts a peasant, who is busy "singing and scything," and Tucci snarls Shrek's greeting: "You there, varlet, why so blithe?" Shrek then robs the yokel of his lunch: "Pheasant, peasant? What a pleasant present!"

• The Los Angeles Times • Both actors give masterful performances.

• Booklist • If you haven't already experienced the real, Steig version of Shrek!, here's a chance to do so...This compilation makes entertaining listening for the whole family. Streep in particular reads with great flexibility and warmth of expression.

• TheStar.com • If you're among Steig's many adult fans, you won't want to miss this.

• Cookie Magazine • What better way to learn the original story of Shrek than by listening to it on this unabridged recording...Meryl Streep is her best while reading Brave Irene...And let's not forget Mr. Tucci. He brilliantly interprets the stories and interjects energy and a light-hearted touch to all he reads.

• TeensReadToo.com

William Steig's drawings began appearing in THE NEW YORKER in 1930. He published his first children's book, ROLAND THE MINSTREL PIG, in 1968, and received the Caldecott Medal for SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE in 1970. His works also include THE AMAZING BONE, a Caldecott Honor Book, and ABEL'S ISLAND and DOCTOR DE SOTO, both Newbery Honor Books.

Meryl Streep is one of the most celebrated and award-winning actresses in the history of film. She holds the record for the most nominations for Academy Awards--earning her 16th nomination for her role as Julia Childs in Julie & Julia--and has won twice, for Sophie's Choice and Kramer vs. Kramer. She has also garnered two Emmy Awards, seven Golden Globes, and six Drama Desk Awards. In 2004, she was awarded the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award. She recently appeared in the films Julie & Julia, The Devil Wears Prada, Doubt, Mamma Mia! and It's Complicated.

Stanley Tucci's memorable roles include parts in the films Julie & Julia, The Hunger Games, The Devil Wears Prada, The Lovely Bones, The Life and Death of Peter Sellers, and Lucky Number Slevin. He also wrote, directed, and produced Big Night--winner of an Independent Spirit Award for Best Screenplay. For his performance in the Broadway production of Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune, Stanley received a Tony Nomination.

So, I purchased this book for my eight year old daughter. She finds that she's actually a bit old for the book...but I'm certainly not! Maybe she'll come back to it again some day. We did enjoy reading the stories, especially Dr. DeSoto. Surprisingly, Shrek, which I hadn't read before, was the least interesting of the collection, with the least to say. Since, of all his works, Shrek was the one chosen

to base a film around, I was a little let down by this. (not that the movie was all that profound, but still...)What I like most about Stieg are his anthropomorphic animal characters that still look realistically animal-like, but for the facial expressions, body language and clothes. Seems to go along with his view of human nature, and compassionate writing style capable of expressing emotional and behavioral truths. Gets kids to try to understand through empathy, and yet still be protective of themselves.

I've never read a William Steig book I didn't like. This very large and thick book collects six lovely stories and represents a fantastic bargain in children's books. Note: If you're looking into the audio version, with Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci, it is marvelous. We have both the book and the CD and we love them. As I say, Steig doesn't disappoint, neither do Streep and Tucci (and if you know their work in film, you know the standard that sets is very high). Of course here you miss Steig's wonderfully crotchety illustrations, but you get some priceless readings that will stay with you always. Heck, buy them both!

I bought this book for my three grandchildren, girls, who like the Shrek movies. I didn't know about the book until recently, so I bought it so the girls could see the correlation between the book and the movies. There is just one short story about Shrek that makes him less loveable than the movie does, but it's still a good story. But the other stories in the book are just great, good to read aloud. My favorite is the Amazing Bone, about a bone that talks! Kids from 4 - 12 will enjoy this book, highly recommended.

If you are a fan of Steig or you like stories with some meat on their bones, this book is a great choice. We have the audio CD as well and my kids absolutely adore it, plus my husband and I actually enjoy hearing them. Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci do an amazing job narrating. The kids can recite a good deal of the stories, they've been so taken with them. There are robbers, a fox who wants to eat a little girl, dangerous weather conditions, etc. so no fluffy bunny stories here, but very entertaining and intelligently done.

My 6 year old twin girls love this book. Has lots of great stories in it, not only Shrek. Stieg has a very sophisticated senses of humor and irony that somehow works for kids and adults as well, I love Dr. De Soto and Brave Irene stories. Some day maybe Disney or Pixar can make these characters into movies too.

SO. GOOD. We bought this for a family road trip and it was such a good move on our part (pat on the back). My 3 year old son loved the stories and would sit quietly listening until he fell asleep to the ever fabulous Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci. I loved these stories as a kid and it tickles me to hear my son quote them randomly now. Sometimes he likes to hear it in the car on the way home from school and it's great because they're short stories so you can listen to one, two...etc. Big fan!

It is imaginative and wonderful to have the story that inspired the movies. My kids love this book, and hear the narrator voice helps bring this story to life. I like playing cd's while my kids read along; while driving. They build their reading skills instead of playing electronic games. Their teachers have commented many times that they are more fluent than any of their classmates. Which as a parent makes me proud I figured one thing out.

I bought this for a recent roadtrip with a 7 year old and my 5 year old and 4 year old. We loved loved loved it! I had quite the collection of audiobooks for the trip and this one was by far the favorite. For the adults it was equally entertaining as well.

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