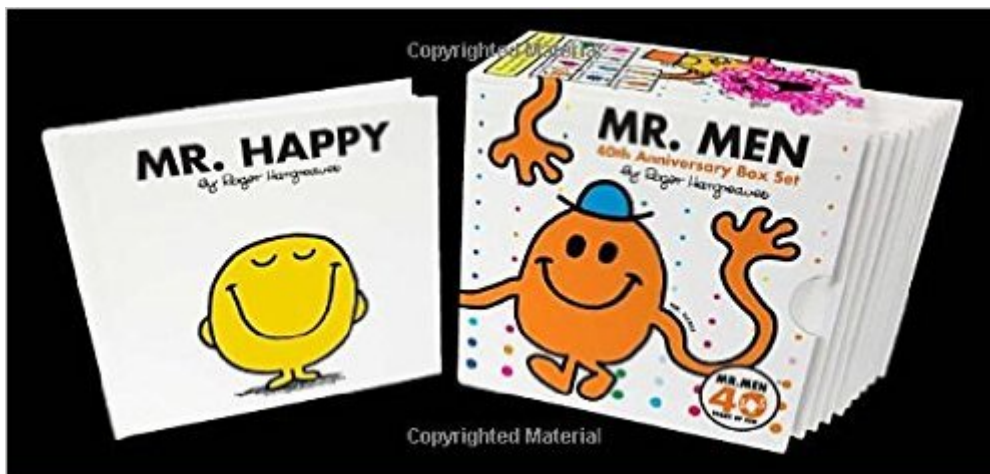


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# Mr. Men 40th Anniversary Box Set



## Synopsis

It has been forty years since Adam Hargreaves asked his father, "What does a tickle look like?" That question inspired Roger Hargreaves to invent Mr. Tickle and all his friends in Mr. Men Land, and those quirky characters have sold millions of copies worldwide since. This anniversary edition box set comes with the first ten Mr. Men books in hardcover: Mr. Tickle, Mr. Greedy, Mr. Happy, Mr. Nosey, Mr. Sneeze, Mr. Bump, Mr. Snow, Mr. Messy, Mr. Topsy-Turvy, and Mr. Silly.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

The late Roger Hargreaves created the Mr. Men series for his son, Adam, who currently oversees the estate and creates illustrations for new Mr. Men books.

Since the listing doesn't say which books are included in this set, I thought I'd mention that they are the original ten titles, as listed on the back of every Mr. Men book: Mr. Tickle, Mr. Greedy, Mr.

Happy, Mr. Nosey, Mr. Sneeze, Mr. Bump, Mr. Snow, Mr. Messy, Mr. Topsy-Turvy, Mr. Silly. True classics!

Like many people, I enjoyed these books growing up and wanted to share them with my son who is now 11 months old. The books come in a very sturdy box that can be used as storage. They are very sturdy hard-cover with thick, printed on glossy paper stock. You can tell a lot of thought was put

into the design of these books - the colour of the binding paper in each book matches the colour of the story's main character. For those not familiar with this series, each book tells the story of a particular Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ who's name coincides with a particular trait they possess (Mr. Sneeze can't stop sneezing, Mr. Bump is injury-prone, Mr. Happy is perpetually happy, etc.) The story typically shows how the character manages their every-day life, and how their distinct condition impacts upon it. They often show how the character overcomes detrimental behaviour or learns to embrace it and seek positive results. The author, Roger Hargreaves, was English, and the books are a bit dated (first published in early 1970's), so I expected there to be words or concepts that aren't as common for modern North American readers. Except for the occasional telephone, the stories translate to present day quite well. Perhaps for older readers this will be a fun exercise: looking up what a telephone is, or a pot of marmalade. One thing I will mention about the physical books themselves, the corners were made a bit sharp, so be careful with younger children. After my kid got a knick on his face, I took to blunting them all with a wooden spoon.

Roger Hargreaves' Mr. Men are a classic series of little children's books from England. This set contains some of the best - Mr. Tickle, Mr. Bump, Mr. Greedy, Mr. Messy etc. - and they're nicely packaged as hardbacks making them much more durable than the more common thin paperbacks. These are a great read. Wonderful bedtime stories (each is a short book, read in just a few minutes) and the illustrations are adorable and entertaining. The stories themselves are well paced, include good use of repetitive phrases (these are great to read aloud) that kids love, and are often amusing (Mr. Greedy being forced to eat a literally giant-sized plate of food is nicely twisted). Overall, this is a great set of books. The hardback covers really add to the durability and given that the paperbacks go for \$3 to \$4 each, a set of 10 for around \$20 is an excellent deal. These would make an excellent gift for a baby shower or for any young child.

The container and books are sturdy, a good size, aren't truncated like the Little Miss box set, and tell pleasantly silly tales with accompanying illustrations young children tend to like. My children read them, or ask me to read them, frequently. I only wish it was easier to find other books in the same size/hardcover format without having to import them. Well, we may have to add some mismatched books to continue the collection. I can only hope Mr. Messy approves if Mr. Perfect is a paperback.

I ordered this box set for my son because he asked for more Mr. Men books for his 4th birthday. This was a great way to get multiple of the classic Mr. Men books at a great price, and these are

hardcover, so my young kids aren't quite as rough on them as the paperback versions. My son is probably a little too young to get some points of the stories, but he laughs at a lot of the content and likes to talk about why the characters act the way they do, so the books seem to be teaching him some important lessons. In summary, I really enjoy being able to read these books that I read as a kid with my children and this would be a great "starter set" for someone looking to do the same.

I had these books as a kid and barely remember them (although I do remember the titles).

Somehow my girls, age 6 and 3, absolutely love the books so I bought the set and they are so eager to read them as they come. They are pretty clever and funny little stories. They seem to find it entertaining. Glad I got them. I would say they are a "classic" but I don't know if they earned that distinction with other families, but for my family they seem to be.

I teach 2nd grade and taught 1st grade before that. The students in my classes love these little books that teach character building. I ended up ordering another set because they love reading them so much.

Books are sturdy and perfect size for little hands, fairly quick reads...but am I the only one who found some of these sentences creepy, specifically the Mr. Tickle book?? Mr. Tickle sneaks his arms in the classroom window and tickles the teacher without her seeing him? Then she giggles and screams to stop while he and the children all laugh! He proceeds around town tickling everyone he sees... Uhhh, nope!

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