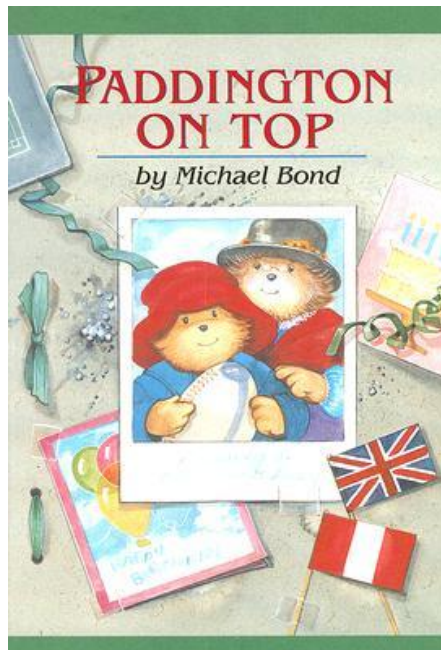




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In this revised edition of Paddington on Top, our favorite bear finds himself caught up in seven fresh and lively adventures, taking him from school to water skis and beyond. Paddington's trademark innocence and determination are sure to delight readers of all ages and prove again and again that this is one bear who's bound to come out on top.

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Keksisbaby says

Paddington muss zur Schule gehen und natürlich sorgt er da für reichlich Wirbel. Er versucht es ebenfalls als Staubsaugervertreter und als Rugby-Spieler. Dabei stiftet er gewohnt mächtig Chaos, aber zum Schluss geht alles immer wieder gut aus. Als dann noch seine Tante Lucy aus dem dunkelsten Peru zu Besuch kommt, haben die Browns es gleich mit zwei Bären zu tun und einem fast-Zwischenfall diplomatischer Natur.

Je mehr Paddingtonbücher ich lese, umso begeisterter bin ich von dem Humor. Der putzige kleine Bär erlebt ein Abenteuer nach dem anderen und jetzt merkt man auch, dass die Geschichten ineinandergreifen. Wenn ich die Bücher lese bin ich in London und entdecke alltägliche Dinge für mich völlig neu, weil ich sie durch die naiven Augen von Paddington betrachte. Außerdem erwarte ich ohnehin das Chaos hinter der nächsten Ecke, denn wenn der kleine Bär etwas anfängt, bringt er es auch zu Ende, wenn auch oft unkonventionell.

Das ist nicht mein letzter Paddington Roman gewesen, noch bin ich nicht durch die ganze Reihe durch und ich freue mich auf die nächsten Bände.

Valerie says

Other editions might have a different illustrator, which does make a difference.

I pick up every Paddington book I encounter. I like the tone, and Paddington's somewhat odd interpretations of standard usages. As someone who was not raised in a British language and cultural milieu, and who encountered a modified form in my late teens in Australia, I'm often puzzled by the same sort of things that throw Paddington.

The one time I was in London, I made a point of going to Paddington Station on the Underground. But being more than a little disoriented by sleep deprivation, I didn't quite dare go up one of the fastest escalators in the world, so I didn't actually make it into the station. Pity. I would have liked to see it. I wonder if there's a marker plaque there?

Anyway, the key point is to get the particular stories into the table of contents, which I have. Otherwise, it's just vintage Paddington, and that's all that needs to be said.

Prepare for a surprise visitor near the end.

Manny says

Despite lacking their most famous player - Señor P. Bear, who else? - Peru played brilliantly in the just-

concluded Chess Olympiad and made the top ten. Congratulations to all my Peruvian friends!

Francis Bruynseels says

A pleasant read. You can see the next thing to happen before MB mentions it but that does not spoil the enjoyment. This book made me laugh out loud about ten times, even when I could see what was coming. The character of Paddington is lovable, fabulous and well engineered by the author. The pity is that the other characters, who occupy half the text, are almost without interest.

It is weird that this book has so few reviews in goodreads.

Ms. Yingling says

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When school inspectors come to the Browns' door and claim that it is necessary for Paddington to report to school, everyone is a bit surprised. At first, it sounds like a good idea, since they take rolls (role), but after his teacher, Mr. Eustace, confiscates all of his marmalade sandwiches, Paddington has his doubts. Sensing that the bear will be trouble, Mr. Eustace sends him out to get the fish for science class, and the bear of course comes back with fish fingers instead of something that can be dissected. In the end, the school feels that Paddington can wait out a bit longer, perhaps until he finds a uniform. Other stories within this volume include a venture selling vacuum cleaners door-to-door, visiting the Royal Courts of Justice, a birthday treat, and an attempt at physical fitness.

These are all episodic, and Paddington remains his cheerful, somewhat dense self throughout each story. He is, of course, extremely well meaning, and most of the people with whom he comes in contact are glad to help him out, even if they are a little confused by him. This book is a bit unusual because the Brown children must be off at school, and Paddington interacts mainly with adults in his neighborhood, especially his friend Mr. Gruber.

The first book in this series of twelve, *A Bear Called Paddington*, came out in 1958, and *Paddington on Top* was originally published in 1974. There is definitely an old-fashioned quality to the narrative as well as the settings. Letting children (or bears!) leave school, people selling things door-to-door, and even small details like Paddington raising his hat in greeting are all occurrences that modern young readers may not understand. For those of us who remember such things, however, this book is a very gentle, comforting read, and the Peggy Fortnum illustrations reinforce that cozy quality.

Michael Bond passed away in 2017, but readers who enjoy classics like Sharp's *The Rescuers*, Streatfield's *Shoe* books, and the stories of Roald Dahl will enjoy the Amelia Bedelia-like adventures of our favorite bear from Darkest Peru. The popularity of the more recent movies will make this accessible to those who have been introduced to Paddington's world on screen as well.

Marlee says

While this definitely wasn't my favorite Paddington book, it was still fabulous. Funny, engaging, and wholesome. Great to read with children. My 9 year old loved it, and the humor in it appealed to me just as much as to him. These books are filled with love. Some of the humor is subtle and some jumps right out. The entire story is fun to read. The different adventures Paddington has in this book will appeal to all sorts of people. A fun family book.

I just reread this book to my children and the one problem I had with it this time was that after the incident with the vacuum, there was no mention of what happened to Paddington's money or how he would retrieve it or if anything could be done. I realize everyone was caught up in Mr. Curry, but Paddington doesn't seem to be one to forget his lost money either.

C says

Read aloud with my 7 year old, so for at least the 3rd time (as a child, with first child, and again now). Loved it again! I forgot this one is the one where Paddington gets involved in selling vacuum cleaners and trashes Mr. Gruber's house! And Aunt Lucy visits England. Hilarious.

Becca says

This book was so joyful and funny and lovely. I need to read them all.

Hestia Istiviani says

I read the book in English but this review is written in Bahasa Indonesia

Iseng-iseng nengokin rak bukunya adeknya mas Ivo dan kaget ternyata punya fisik buku Paddington. Jujur, aku sendiri tahu Paddington gara-gara si beruang lucu ini jadi bonus belanja salah satu swalayan ternama. Belum juga sempat nonton filmnya, eh baru tahu kalau buku ini ada sekitar 21 judul. Sayang sekali, buku pertama yang aku baca malah buku yang ke-10

Gaya Bahasa, Kosa Kata, dan Penyampaian

Karena buku ini ditujukan kepada anak-anak, jelas saja kalau bahasanya mudah diikuti. Eits, tapi jangan terkecoh. Permainan homofone dan homograf dalam buku inilah yang membuatku memberikan 4 bintang. Tokoh Paddington yang berasal dari pedalaman Peru yang paling dalam (katanya dari *The Darkest Peru*) sungguh lucu. Dengan penyampaian yang ringan dan permainan kosa kata itu tadi, bagiku membuat orang dewasa seperti kita ini malah bisa menemukan hal-hal menarik yang tidak terpikirkan sama sekali. Berbeda jika yang membaca buku ini adalah anak-anak. Tidak heran apabila untuk ukuran buku yang jumlah halamannya 144 halaman saja, akan bisa dihabiskan dalam sekali duduk.

Plot

Simpel dan dari sudut pandang orang ketiga serba tahu. Kalau pernah menonton film anak-anak dan terdapat

narator yang menceritakan beberapa bagian film (biasanya di awal dan akhir film) kurang lebih seperti itulah perasaan yang muncul ketika membaca buku ini. Seakan ada narator yang membacakan cerita ini buat kita dan kita seakan membayangkan adanya adegan lucu nan sederhana dari para tokoh di dalam buku.

Plotnya selalu maju. Paddington maupun tokoh yang lainnya hampir tidak pernah menceritakan sesuatu yang berasal dari masa lalu. Kalaupun itu memang ada, hal tersebut hanya untuk menegaskan identitasnya saja ketimbang menjadi satu dengan jalan cerita. Maka dari itu, jika ada kesempatan dan memang ada bukunya, lebih baik membaca dari buku pertama supaya tidak bertanya-tanya mengenai histori Paddington.

Tokoh

Untuk tokoh, yang aku soroti hanyalah si Paddington. Keluguannya karena dia diminta pergi ke sekolah hingga keluguannya hadir dalam pengadilan (ini bagian favoritku). Paddington seperti potret anak kecil yang baru memahami arti dari beberapa kata dan mencoba membalas obrolan lawan bicaranya dengan kepemilikan kosa katanya yang minim tersebut. Bukannya malah sebal, yang ada malah memunculkan kelucuan tersendiri.

Untung saja, si Paddington ini bukanlah sosok anak kecil yang menyebalkan (sering merengek tidak jelas), melainkan sebagai sosok yang selalu ingin tahu (khas anak kecil) dan selalu ingin membantu. Ia tidak mau merepotkan keluarga Brown yang sudah mau direpoti dengan kehadiran beruang (kemudian dianggap juga sebagai anggota keluarga, bukan sekedar beruang). Tidak heran jika Paddington disukai oleh banyak pembaca.

Ide Cerita

Aku sendiri belum menonton filmnya (katanya sih *recommended*) sehingga aku tidak bisa membandingkan visualisasi keluarga Brown dan Paddington antara yang ada di film dengan yang ada dalam bayanganku. Tetapi ide mengenai seekor beruang yang diadopsi oleh keluarga baik hati dan diminta untuk pergi ke sekolah oleh inspektur menurutku cukup lucu juga. Coba saja bayangkan ada seekor beruang di dalam kelasmu atau si beruang ini diminta hadir dalam persidangan serius!

Namanya juga buku anak-anak, jadi jangan berpikir terlalu realistis bahwa semua hal yang biasa dilakukan oleh manusia bisa dilakukan pula oleh beruang. Aku pribadi memberikan 4 bintang karena kejadian humor di dalamnya. Aku berani merekomendasikan buku ini untuk dibacakan pada anak-anak kecil.

Lexy says

I liked when Aunt Lucy went to London for a rugby tournament against St. Luke's.

Nicole says

My five year old did not understand the humor or even some of the plot lines of the little stories (like dishonest salesman Ina market place). And there were too many new vocabulary words, that bogged us down. I didn't realize this book was so far in the series. Perhaps we would have done better at the beginning.

Obviously my son was just too young, but I find the the innocent-getting-into-trouble both annoying and a bad example for kids. So much like Curious George! I don't think Paddington is for us.

Indah Threerz Lestari says

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Brie says

Paddington is one of my all time favorite characters from children's literature. He's such a lovely bear, always getting into scrapes with the best of intentions. I thoroughly enjoyed this 10th installment in the series. Loved reading about Paddington going to court, water skiing, and buying a dinghy as a present for Mr. Brown.

Cara says

Fans of humorous tales will enjoy laughing along as Paddington gets into more trouble in this tenth volume of the series. Although loosely connected, each chapter can stand alone as its own episode, making this book ideal for reading aloud in a classroom or sharing at bedtime. The use of British phrasing will set the reader squarely in England, although this should not interfere with the reader's understanding of the text, save for a few instances. Fortnum's simple pen illustrations still manage to convey an expressive, endearing bear. Recommend to fans of humorous fiction or animal stories in grades 3-5.

Amy Kannel says

I'd probably give this 3.5 stars, but I'll round up instead of down. It was a fun little book. My almost-5yo and I enjoyed reading it after falling in love with Paddington in the first book. I didn't realize there were so many more books about Paddington.
