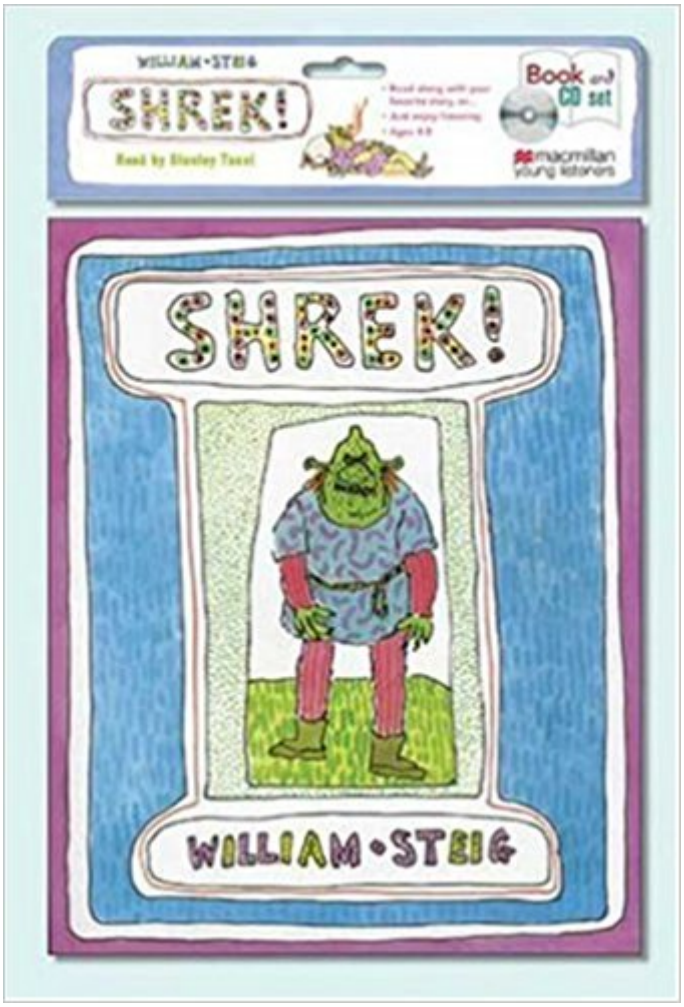
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Synopsis

Before Shrek made it big on the silver screen, there was William SteigÃ¢â ¬â„¢s SHREK!, a book about an ordinary ogre who leaves his swampy childhood home to go out and see the world. Ordinary, that is, if a foul and hideous being who ends up marrying the most stunningly ugly princess on the planet is what you consider ordinary.

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Customer Reviews

No doubt about it, Shrek is the ugliest guy in town. Everywhere he goes, people and animals flee. If his hideous appearance does not immediately fell them, the smoke belching from his ears and his "putrid blue flame" sends even the mighty--including "a whopper of a dragon"--packing. Yet Shrek is inordinately proud of his green knobby head and loathsome figure, and he roams the countryside having the kind of fun that only tormenting the vulnerable can provide. Hearing a witch prophesy that he will marry a princess who is even uglier than he is, Shrek is intrigued, and he sets out to find this repulsive bride. When they finally meet, the two break into heartfelt declarations of mutual admiration. ("Your horny warts, your rosy wens, / Like slimy bogs and fusty fens, / Thrill me.") Of course, they "got hitched as soon as possible." Steig's epigrammatic genius is given full rein in this engrossing and satisfying tale. The implicit promise (or threat) of a sequel--perhaps detailing the exploits of the pair's offspring--is indeed delicious to contemplate. Ages 3-up. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

Kindergarten-Grade 4-- Argh, it’s Shrek, spitting flame and venting smoke, even uglier than his parents, who kick him goodbye and send him off in the world. He’s off on a linear journey to find his true love, foretold by a witch after she recovers from the sight of him. In a maniacal version of the hero’s quest, he finds helpers and perils along the way: a dragon, a dream, a donkey, and more. The text rolls right along, here breaking into rhyme, there into knightish talk ("You there, varlet . . . why so blithe?"), there into outright silliness ("Pheasant, peasant? What a pleasant present!") Perfectly pleased with his hideous self, Shrek finally gains entrance to the ugly princess’ castle, and after an operatic duet, the two are united, the bride carrying a cactus for a bouquet. The pictures are just as nutty as the story, blending with the text so thoroughly, sometimes echoing, sometimes expanding it, that it’s hard to imagine one without the other. It’s all here for Steig fans: magic, animism, chaos, self-reliance, hope, and fulfillment, and from one offbeat episode to the next, it all hangs together to make Shrek’s destiny seem just right. The fast-forward movement of the story and the inventive , challenging language, full of surprises, make this especially fun to read aloud.
--Karen Litton, London Public Libraries, Ontario, CanadaCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

Not what you would expect but enchanting. Like the literary elements and very fun to read aloud with the family.

Daughter loves it, even though it’s nothing like her beloved movie series...lol. She must have read it twenty times now. Thank you.

A must buy and read, especially for teachers. Most kids know the movies, but not the origins of the ogre.

It’s nothing like the movie, but I still enjoyed reading the original story to my nieces and dogs ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã ËœÃ â It’s silly and definitely not your typical fairy tale, so I guess, in a way, it is like the movie.

Loved this book! Wish it would have been a little longer though.

Bought this as a gift for a Director of SHREK: The Musical, and was amazed that she and her cast

didn’t know the original source of the story. The Steig illustrations and story in this one are just too wonderful!

The first book I ever read by William Steig was "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble". I was about 5, but I always remembered this book as one of my favorites. When I had my daughter back in the early 90’s and she got to kindergarten age, I started taking her to the local library. There I rediscovered William Steig and this is how we came to find "Shrek". We both loved it. My daughter is now almost 18, but I decided to buy it for her anyway. Someday she’ll be a mother too and I want her to have the books that she remembers and loved as a child. I highly recommend this book, as well as William’s other books. They are intelligent, unique and highly amusing books.

In great condition and a fun story. Not exactly the story presented in the movies, so if you’re kids prefer the movies, this book may not be for them.

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