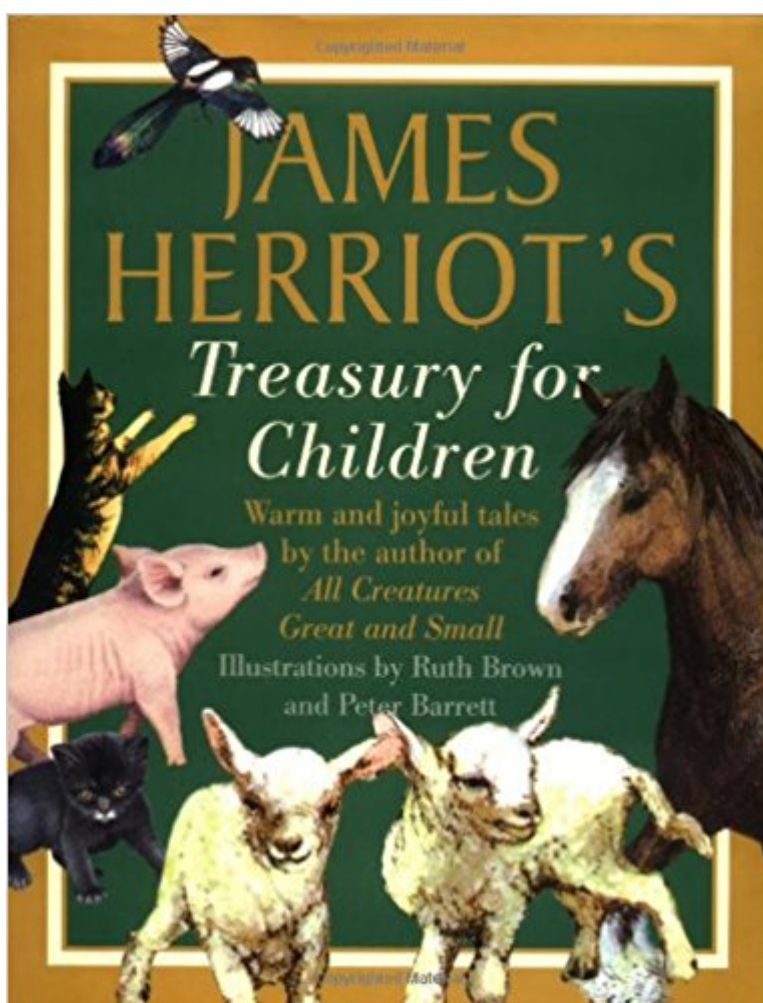


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# James Herriot's Treasury For Children: Warm And Joyful Tales By The Author Of All Creatures Great And Small



## Synopsis

James Herriot's Treasury for Children collects all of the beloved veterinarian's delightful tales for young readers. From the springtime frolic of Oscar, Cat-About-Town to the yuletide warmth of The Christmas Day Kitten, these stories--radiantly illustrated by Peter Barrett and Ruth Brown--are perennial favorites, and this new complete edition will make a wonderful gift for all readers, great and small.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This charming title defines family listening. James Herriot's well-loved tales of his life as a rural British veterinarian hold the timeless qualities of family affection, humor, loyalty, appreciation for nature, and love of animals. The eight short stories were selected especially for youngsters, yet adults will gladly listen along. Narrator extraordinaire Dale lends the perfect avuncular tone; his British dialects accurately reflect the characters' class and region, and his clarity of expression allows even young listeners to comprehend the delightful British accent. Sprightly musical interludes signal transitions between stories; each is approximately 10 minutes long. The CD consists of only one track, so locating individual stories is somewhat difficult. Be sure to feature this title in holiday displays as "The Christmas Kitten" is especially appealing. Grades K-6. --Mary Burkey --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

“Just the sort of thing you hope will imprint on the memory screen of a young child: fresh, clear, pure, and good.”  
Commonwealth

Born an animal lover, I read James Herriot's first four books in the 70's from middle through high school in Taiwan. Yes, Those books were translated into Chinese and James Herriot was quite popular among book lovers there. I came to the United States in 1987 and since then, I bought and re-read all his books in English. I discovered so many aspects of his writing could not be precisely translated into another language, nevertheless his love and affection for all living thing are universal. Later, I watched and collected some of the BBC adaptation and had to admit that even though they were fine production, they left you with little imagination. I still prefer the books and the audio CD's narrated by Christopher Timothy. Christopher Timothy's interpretation was very good on film, but even better on CD's. When the book "James Herriot's Treasury for children" came out, I could not think of a better way to introduce my nieces and my daughter to James Herriot's writing and the animals around him. The children love the stories and illustrations. But no matter how hard I tried, I could never be good at imitating the Yorkshire farmer's accent. When I found that an audio version of this book was available through , I was very excited the thought this would complete my James Herriot collection. However, I was puzzled that Christopher Timothy did not narrate this book. Not knowing Jim Dale's previous work, I was skeptical about the quality of his narration. Now I am glad that I was wrong. Christopher Timothy has been wonderful with all his work, but I think Jim Dale is more suitable for this book whose target audience are mostly children. There is so much feeling and emotion in his voice that makes the stories even more captivating than they already were. While listening to "The Christmas Day Kitten", I found myself sobbing at the end of story as if I had lost my own pet. James Herriot's books combine good story-telling, passion and kindness to every living thing. This book will do just that for your children. The audio CD will simply add more magic to his stories.

Why I Choose this Book Our family got this book when I was a little itty bitty girl and who know how many childhood hours were spent pouring over this book and learning to love the art of storytelling through it's beautiful and enticing pages. Last year I bought myself a copy so that if I ever have a family of my own I'll be able to share it with them, as well. It's that good. What I Thought about this Book I think this will forever be one of my favorite children's books. From the paintings to the words choices to the stories that are told, everything is filled with a phenomenal amount of beauty. The

whole book is like a piece of artwork. I'm pretty sure that some of my love for animals came from within the pages of this book. Often times during my teenage years when I had a goat farm with my brother and we would be up late at night playing vet to a sick or laboring goat I would remember the stories that had captivated me as a child and realize that I was living that life and it would make me happy. Conclusion Y'all should really get a copy and read it for yourselves. Rating I'm giving James Herriot's Treasury for Children five stars and I recommend it to children of all ages.

Great book. One of our favorites. Beautiful illustrations and wonderful stories. My kids (2, 4, 6 years) love it. Even my 2 year old enjoys it. I suspect it keeps his attention so long (which is quite a challenge) because the pictures are so gorgeous and interesting. We will buy more books by James Herriot. This would make a lovely gift.

I have long been a James Herriot fan and have enjoyed all his books. This children's book will not disappoint with its heartwarming stories and illustrations. This book is heavily and beautifully illustrated. I was surprised at both the quantity and quality of the illustrations. This makes the book suitable for those that are very young as well as the child who is already in school...first or second grade I would think. This is a perfect book to give as a gift to the children in your life. Why? These stories are timeless gentle stories of animals and I think this is the perfect gateway to explore nature with your child.

Beautifully written, beautifully illustrated children's book. I would say this book is more of a chapter book, as the stories are longer than a picture book length. I would say every home library needs this book.

In case you wonder what the characters sound like in this wonderful book written by James Herriot for children, there is an audiobook narrated by talented Jim Dale. Published by Macmillan Young Listeners in July 2008, the audio CD was not linked to the book by . Also, while the stories are identical, if you wonder what the differences are between this book (St. Martin's Griffin 9/22/2005) and the original version (St. Martin's Press: 1st edition 9/1/1992) before making your purchase, here is what I found-- 1) The original version comes with dust jacket and this one doesn't, 2) The paper used for the original version is thinner, glossier which makes the artwork stand out better. The paper used for this version is thicker which can handle little hands' wear and tear better. I own one of each edition. This version is for me and my 3-year-old daughter to read now and the other is part

of our favorite book collections which one day will be hers.

Love love love this! So simple yet so beautiful---a true treasure to listen to as an adult and know that my children are listening to great quality stories. The voices the reader does are amazing!!!

This is a charming and nicely-illustrated children's version of some of James Herriot's gentle animal stories. They are not verbatim from the original books and have been modified slightly for young readers, but I think it is still a great way to introduce James Herriot to a new generation.

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