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Readers learn all about the hospital as George goes in for an operation to remove a puzzle piece he has eaten.

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Nathan Kaczmarek says

Curious George Goes to the Hospital was about a curious little monkey named George. One day George was waiting for the man with the yellow hat to get home. He saw a strange box on the man with the yellow hat's desk and he was very curious to what might be in the box. He became so curious that he couldn't wait for his friend to come home. When he opened the box, there were lots of little pieces that looked like candy. George put it in his mouth and before he knew it he had swallowed it. When the man got home he discovered George had already opened the box. He was a little disappointed because it was supposed to be a surprise. He said it didn't matter and they got to work putting the puzzle together. When they had the whole thing together the man with the yellow hat noticed there was a piece missing. When they woke up the next morning George had a tummy ache and the doctor didn't know what was wrong so they went to the hospital to get an X Ray. When the X Ray came back they found out that George had swallowed the puzzle piece. George had to get a minor operation done to remove the piece and had to stay at the hospital for a few days. Will this curious monkey named George survive? To find out this and many other burning questions, read it.

This was a really good book. I liked that the author wrote about some things that were relatable. Such as kids sticking foreign objects into their mouths. I also liked that there was some action involved.

One thing that I didn't like about this book was that it was so short. It should have been a bunch of different stories instead of just that one.

I would recommend this to kids who like reading funny stories about Curious George or kids who like watching Curious George.

Morgan says

Out of all the Curious George books I think this one might be the best one. I remember watching a claymation short based on this and it's always stuck with me. As a kid, I used to go to the hospital more times than I can count now. I never swallowed anything that looked like "candy," but I had a couple of health issues. One time, they took x-rays with my stomach and I had that barium stuff. Always thought of this story. In some ways, this helped me as a kid with my constant hospital visits.

Derek says

The seventh and final of George's so-called "original adventures" (don't worry, he's got dozens more "new adventures," though my understanding is that they tend to be rather repetitive; we'll get to that, though) is *Curious George Goes to the Hospital*. Again. In fairness, the poacher does acknowledge that George had been there previously.

The story begins with George yet again left unattended at one of the poacher's many homes. He finds a jigsaw puzzle and eats one of the pieces. The poacher later constructs the jigsaw puzzle, sees that a piece is missing, doesn't connect it to the monkey's tummy ache, and goes about his business.

The puzzle features the now-famous image of George finding the poacher's hat in the jungle. This is 1966,

and there's no reference to having the puzzle specially made, so we are left to surmise that George is now so famous that he's featured on jigsaw puzzles. Later events in this story confirm this view.

George wakes up the next day, feeling even worse, so the poacher immediately takes him to the children's hospital. For human children. Not the veterinarian.

I had a lot of trouble getting past that detail. What the (view spoiler) is the poacher doing? I initially thought he was trying to avoid the vet, lest they contact animal control and take the wild monkey away. Thus, take him to the hospital and try to pass him off as a human child, albeit a horrifically deformed and mentally challenged one.

But that makes no sense. George is a famous monkey. Patients in the waiting room acknowledge this.

So....what, then?

I think this is intended to be a commentary on the sad state of the healthcare system in the United States. If you are rich, you get immediate, first-class care at the nation's finest hospitals, *even if you are a monkey*, whereas if you are poor, like the little girl in the waiting room, well (view spoiler) you! Get in line behind the monkey!

Brilliant satire.

Anyway, pretty standard *George* fare from here. The doctors get the puzzle piece out (and let him keep it! Gross!), and the monkey then goes around the children's post-op ward, contaminating the many recovering children just out of surgery and likely causing a dozen or more very serious infections. The mayor sees all this but doesn't mind because (view spoiler) you, George is a celebrity and can do what he wants. Besides, he made a little girl laugh, so it's toots cool that she'll be dead in a week because of him.

Biting, biting social commentary. Easily one of the best so far!

Phil Lemons says

My boy loves George. I like the recent Curious George stuff much more than the classic. This is one of the better classic books as it doesn't imply George was behaved badly when curious. It is very dated now and hospital stays are much different. Not to mention that one will probably not go to the hospital after eating one piece of a jigsaw puzzle.

What I liked:

- George helps other kids feel more comfortable at the hospital. This is a scary place for kids and this book does a good job in making the hospital less scary. It does provide a way to start a conversation about hospital stays and what is scary about them.

What I didn't like:

- Mainly some personal taste items. Such as the generalization of the pretty nurse and the male doctors.

Overall, this is an okay book. This isn't one that my boy asks to borrow often or read often. I don't have to figure out how to explain George smoking a pipe before bed, so that's a plus in my book.

Bob Ross's Cooluncle says

Parents need to know that *Curious George Goes to the Hospital* is the last of the original *Curious George* books by H.A. Rey and Margret Rey. The adorable little monkey must be admitted to the hospital after he eats a puzzle piece. The book describes the way the hospital staff discover what happened to George and what it's like for George to be in the hospital, but there's no detail about the procedure to remove the puzzle piece. While he's in the hospital, George's antics entertain and amuse other children, especially a frightened girl named Betsy. For children in the book and for readers, George's funny adventures take the edge off a trip to the hospital. The book also lets kids know it's not a good idea to eat things that are not food. Note that this book was written in 1966, so gender roles are a bit outdated: In illustrations, all the doctors are white men, and all the nurses are white women. Lel this is a troll

Neha Amin says

Review: I think *Curious George* is a wonderful series for young children. In this particular story, George goes to the hospital and getting surgery. This story teaches children about the hospital and the different people that work there.

Learning Experience: In small groups, the children will be given different materials and will be told to act out the story by pretending to be all the people that are at the hospital. For example, one children can play the patient, another can play the doctor, another can be a nurse, and another can be the receptionist.

Misbah says

When George accidentally eats a puzzle piece he is admitted to the hospital for surgery. Oh man, he is soooo cute when he cries because the man with the yellow hat has to leave him alone for the night at the hospital. After the surgery George has fun with the rest of the kids in the children's ward. After a bit of chaos, George is discharged and he goes home with his friend and a package from the doctor. When they open the package they find the missing puzzle piece that he had eaten and they finish their puzzle.

Angie says

This book was originally written in cooperation with a children's hospital, and was probably used to ease the fears of children going through medical treatments there. George swallows a puzzle piece and has to go to the hospital to have it removed. What today would likely be an outpatient treatment keeps George in the hospital for a few days in the book. He goes through different emotions of feeling lonely, scared, and sick that children needing hospital treatment would likely feel. In the end, his antics bring smiles to the faces of the sick children, earning forgiveness from those who have to clean up his messes.

Liam says

I like Curious George now. Seeing George go to the hospital and have an operation was just like me.

David Abrams says

It's impossible to understate the importance of this book in my life. I first read it when I was seven. Within a few months *I* would be going to the hospital for an emergency tonsilectomy. During my recovery, George was there with me in the hospital room the entire time. I read the pages until I had every nuance of the illustrations memorized. This book comforted me and, for one of the first times, broadened me beyond my grade-school world. There were others out there who had gone through similar experiences as I had. I was no longer alone. If a monkey could survive the hospital, then so could I.

One other thing to note: This book gave me a new phobia of jigsaw puzzles. Never again would I put a piece to my mouth while I was contemplating where it should go in the puzzle. *Shudder*

Jackie "the Librarian" says

Oh, no! Curious George swallows a piece of his puzzle, and doesn't feel so good. Off to the hospital he goes, where he finds puppets to play with, and wheelchairs to race down the halls. Another classic George story!

David Simmer II says

After re-reading "Curious George Goes to the Hospital" I am convinced that it is the peak of literary perfection, unmatched by any other human accomplishment. The entire spectrum of drama is fully represented in a tale so filled with wonder and delight as to make all other books redundant. The fact that the story's wealth of knowledge and inspiration is so remarkably accessible to persons of most any age is surely a testament to the unarguable brilliance of Margret & H.A. Rey. I loathe to attribute something as mundane as a "Star Rating" to such a transcendently significant work which redefines the boundaries of human/primate existence, and so eloquently conveys the folly and ultimate triumph of monkeykind... but if forced to do so under the GoodReads review standard, I offer TWENTY-SIX STARS (of which only five are be visible for some reason). You owe it to yourself... nay, you owe it to ALL HUMANITY... to read this literary masterwork and thrill to the sublime illustrated artistic triumphs which accompany it. "Curious George Goes to the Hospital" is, quite simply, the most profoundly perfect book ever created, and shall undoubtedly remain so until the end of time.

Justin says

Curious George Goes to the Hospital by Margret Rey was about a curious little monkey named George who was always getting into trouble because of the adventures he took. One day George was waiting for the man with the yellow hat to get home. He saw a strange box on the man with the yellow hat's desk and he became

curious. He became so curious that he couldn't wait for his friend to come home. He just had to open it. When he opened the box, there were strange shaped pieces that looked like candy to the monkey. George put it in his mouth and before he knew it he had swallowed it. When the man got home he discovered George had already opened the box. He was a little disappointed because it was supposed to be a surprise. He said it didn't matter and they got to work putting the puzzle together. When they had the whole thing together the man with the yellow hat noticed there was a piece missing. When they woke up the next morning George had a tummy ache and the doctor didn't know what was wrong so they went to the hospital to get an X Ray. When the X Ray came back they found out that George had swallowed the puzzle piece. George had to get a minor operation done to remove the piece and had to stay at the hospital for a few days. On his last day there, Steve was able to start walking after his broken leg had healed. George was curious about the cart that Steve was riding in all those days and he climbed in it. He started to wheel it down the hall and before long he was going really fast. The mayor was visiting the hospital that same day and George was going down the ramp right toward him. George accidentally ran into the mayor and was really sad. All of the kids in the hospital were really excited and were laughing super hard. George felt better when the mayor started to laugh too. After that, the man with the yellow hat came to pick George up and they started to go home. The nurse came running out of the hospital right when they started to drive away. She gave George a box and told him not to open it until he got home. When he opened the box they discovered it was the missing puzzle piece and finished the puzzle.

This was a really good book. I liked that it had George being so curious and he was always getting into trouble for just exploring. One thing that I didn't like about this book was that it was so short. It should have been a bunch of different stories instead of just that one. I would recommend this to kids who like reading funny stories about Curious George or kids who like watching Curious George.

Shawn Fairweather says

My son from birth has always been surrounded with Curious George. Today at the ripe old age of 3 he travels everywhere with his stuffed George doll, and morning cuddle time he is a mainstay. He loves the cartoons on PBS as well. For me, I remember as a kid going to my ped. for Dr. appts, always looking for a certain George book, (George Goes to the Hospital) for the waiting room. Luckily it was always available in the waiting room. A couple years ago I found a beautiful hardcover boxset at B&N that I thought would make a great Xmas gift for my son, and it included the Hospital book along with this one. The gift was a smash hit. The stories tend to be a bit on the long side by today's standards, but they are highly enjoyable to read for bedtime story telling.

Beautiful artwork, well written stories in a classic sense. Wording that always follows the pictures as well as now my son can relay the stories to me by both memory and picture guidance. You can't go wrong here. The simplicity and innocence of the time period when written is highly apparent which for me I want for my son. Life lessons will come, but right now I want him to enjoy his time of playfulness and George helps him do so.

Tots R says

Curious George Goes to the Hospital by Margret Rey, H.A. Rey (Fantasy)

"Curious George Goes to the Hospital" is a wonderful book. I have loved Curious George books since I was child. I loved reading his books to my sons when they were kids. Curious George helps children to

understand by fantasizing about everyday life. For instance in the book this makes put children at ease when going to the hospital. I recommend the book for children ages 2-7. George mistakenly eats a jigsaw puzzle piece, thinking that it might be candy. When his stomach starts to hurt the next morning, the Man in the Yellow Hat takes him to the hospital. This book teaches children to not put toys in their mouth. The illustrations are colorful and nice and children can easily relate to the stories. I use Curious George books in my daycare doing story time for daycare children and they really enjoy listening to his stories. After reading this book I added food, candy and toys to a box and had children pull out something from the box and asked them are they suppose to put this in their mouth or not. The children had food with this activity and it taught them what could happen if you put toys in your mouth.
