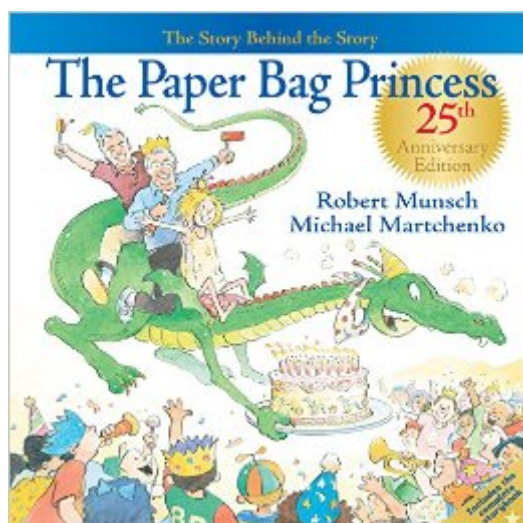


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# The Paper Bag Princess 25th Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

The book was an instant success and has since sold millions of copies in dozens of languages all over the world. To celebrate the 25th birthday of this modern classic, Annick presents the familiar story of *The Paper Bag Princess* along with more than 30 pages of never-before published behind-the-scenes features all presented in a new bigger format. Jump into *The Paper Bag Princess 25th Anniversary Edition* and learn the story behind the story. Discover how Munsch's once on a path to becoming a priest became one of the most famous children's authors of all time. Learn how an extra space on a gallery wall landed Martchenko his first, and most legendary, children's book gig ever. Meet the real Elizabeth and see what she's up to today. You'll also find never-before published sketches and paintings that take you through the process of the book's creation. Further sections explore the book's critical success, international popularity, and responses from fans old and new, including some who'll surprise you. Whether you're a long-time admirer or only just discovering *The Paper Bag Princess* this very special edition is sure to capture your heart more than any flashy prince ever could.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

I guess I didn't look carefully, and when I got this book in the mail I thought it was only the "story behind the story." I was really only interested in the story itself. What a relief when I discovered the

story was still in this edition. Now I feel like I bought the book and got bonus materials. The story is sweet and reads like a story, not political and social commentary. I have a 5 year old boy who loves to play knights and save princesses, but I wanted him to understand that girls don't always need rescuing and in fact sometimes they do the rescuing. He was engaged the whole time, as the illustrations are interesting and any story with a dragon is a plus. We were able to talk about facial expressions and manners along the way, as the prince has a furrowed brow at the beginning and doesn't say thank you in the end. This is a book I would recommend to both boys and girls.

This is one of my favorite children's books. The story, of a strong woman and a vain man, is the perfect antidote to classic fairy tales. That being said, I won't buy this edition again. The kids didn't care a bit about all the details of the making of the book, and the story is buried part way through. Had they put the story first, then the details after, that would have been sweet. All in all, stick to the original printing of this book

I can't tell you how many copies of this book I have purchased. I keep giving away my personal copies, as well as buying gifts for friends (and for our church library!). My personal summary: "Girls don't need boys to empower/save them." My great-granddaughter's summary: "It's what is on the inside that counts!" What more can an aging feminist say?

My daughter loved this book when we checked it out from the library, but instead of just getting the regular version I sprung for the 25th anniversary edition. First of all, the story is 5-star for me. The 25th Anniversary edition is another issue. It is good, but I think it is written for people who grew up with this book. Though the new material is kid-friendly, it really isn't that interesting and is really more of a history lesson on archaic publishing practices than it is educational on how books are now being made. I could accept all of that though. The kicker and the -1 star is putting the new meta-crap first! If I'm reading this to my kid I want to open up to the story, not the story's story. Flip the material and get five stars. Otherwise, this is a collectors/reminiscessors item and not a kids book. Get the original if you actually want to read it to your 6 or less year old kid.

This anniversary book was written and illustrated to hold the interest of everyone, even small children. It proves that when a person has a talent, they can make themselves happy and enrich the lives of many others by sharing it. Wonderful for children and adults.

Well we learned our lesson. Not for kids but for fanboys of this book. Thought it would be a bigger better version of this great children's book but only was fluff with the book in the middle. We were not jazzed to hear about the commercial success of this book.

This edition is a collector's edition and not one to be bought for someone who just wants to read the story. The story, however, is a wonderful tale for modern girls -- my college roommate sent it to me for a birthday gift about 15 years ago, and I have enjoyed reading it many times since then. This is a story about a Princess who is "going to marry" a Prince that she kind of likes; then one day, a dragon burns the Palace down and steals the Prince (maybe he was nearsighted?). The Princess who stands in the ruins in her own fair skin, can only find a large paper bag for clothing, but she dons it and hurries off to save the Prince; and she does so by very clever flattery and sharp, quick thinking. Once the Dragon has collapsed in exhaustion, she picks the lock and there's the Prince. But, in typical Male Chauvanist fashion, Prince Ronald sneers at her because she is dirty and bedraggled and wearing a paper bag; he tells her to go clean up and put on a decent dress and come back. Instead, she gives him a polite but sharp reply about how pretty his clothes are and how nice he looks, but finishes, "But you are a jerk." And, as she skips back down the road, we are told "They Didn't Get Married." My college roommate sent me this book because that's pretty much the way my last and final engagement ended! I am a happy spinster and I hope this Princess is too.

Love this book! I read it to my little girl ( she is now 24 and very much like the Paper Bag Princess) Definitely a favorite of ours. In fact I included a copy with every baby gift we give to a baby girl.

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