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# Mary Poppins: The Mary Poppins Series, Book 1



## Synopsis

Here is the timeless story of Mary Poppins, the world's favorite nanny, and her magical adventures with the Banks family. Mary Poppins is like no other nanny the Banks children have ever seen. It all starts when their new nanny is blown by the east wind onto the doorstep of the Banks house, carrying a parrot-headed umbrella and a magic carpetbag. She becomes a most unusual nanny to Jane, Michael, and the twins. Who else but Mary Poppins can slide up banisters, pull an entire armchair out of an empty carpetbag, and make a dose of medicine taste like delicious lime-juice cordial? A day with Mary Poppins is a day of magic and make-believe come to life!

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## Customer Reviews

The series of Mary Poppins books are wonderful and so imaginative for little children. I wasn't crazy about the movie, okay. Was a little hesitant about trying the books. Got the series when my boys were young children, they are in their 20's now. They loved them, quite the fantasy. Now that I have a my first granddaughter I am buying her 1 book at a time. My daughter is trilled. Looking forward to reading them to her also. Would suggest them to everyone.

This review is for Mary Poppins in the Kitchen: A Cookery Book with a Story , purchased from .com

LLCI grew up in the 60's with the original Walt Disney's Mary Poppins film. I

remember singing "Let's Go Fly a Kite" and having

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious for extra credit on a spelling test in the first grade. Disney's

Mary Poppins was a big hit within the elementary crowd back then. But I never knew there was a series of books based on Mary. All I had ever seen was Disney produced books and miscellaneous products based on the Disney film. Last week my family watched the new movie "Saving Mr. Banks". The movie indicates that Disney changed the storyline quite a bit, and I wondered how Travers had originally written her. It also opened up lots of questions about P.L. Travers and her real life. So, of course we searched the internet to read more of her bio and found articles stating that the Saving Banks movie was also a bit "Disney-fied". Traver's version of the events were quite different. If you are interested you can read her bio in *Mary Poppins, She Wrote: The Life of P. L. Travers* by Valerie Lawson here at [.We](#) also learned that Travers had written a series of six novels based on the Mary Poppins character ( all here at [\),](#) plus this book - *Mary Poppins in the Kitchen: A Cookery Book with a Story* " and an additional book titled, *Mary Poppins A to Z*. I have three grandchildren, and more in production. So I just can't have too much Mary Poppins to read here at Granny's house. I ordered the six book series, the A to Z book and this book of Mary in the Kitchen, which was the first one to be delivered. My daughter (in her 30;s) and my granddaughter (4) and I all love Mary Poppins. So immediately after delivery we settled down to read the first chapter. We couldn't stop there. My granddaughter was begging for more, so we also read the 2nd chapter, before insisting (as Mary would) that it was time for naps. This book is pure Mary - with no Disney-fication, and she shines with all of her typical wit and wisdom. There is at least one full page illustration in each chapter. The illustrations have an "old world" feel to them, but there is so much activity in them that it catches our imagination. Everybody is busy doing something in the picture relating to the story you are reading. My granddaughter loved picking out which of the children were Jane and Michael in each picture. And Mary is unmistakable. I've had a hard time not reading ahead, but I promised to wait until they come back this week so we can continue our adventure with Mary Poppins in the Kitchen together. I confess that I did skip to the back of the book and read some of the recipes. They look delicious and easy enough for young beginning cooks- with some help from Mom or Granny. I can't wait to get in the kitchen with my granddaughter and try out Mary's recipes. I think we'll start with her oatmeal cookies and gingerbread stars. I still love Walt's Mary Poppins, but it is so delightful to meet the "real" Mary, Jane and Michael as they leap from each page. No wonder these books thrilled a generation of youngsters and their parents when they were first published. No wonder they inspired Disney to put her on the big screen. If you love Mary Poppins, you'll love this book of cooking adventures with Mary, the children and the whole neighborhood around Number Seventeen Cherry-Tree Lane.

Absolutely delightful! I've seen the movie many times and I'm astonished at the differences but also feel like they work well in their own medium. I was finally persuaded to read the first Mary Poppins after seeing the movie, "Saving Mr. Banks" starring Tom Hanks as Walt Disney and the amazing Emma Thompson as P.L. Travers. I'm quite sure I'll read the rest at some point. Everyone needs some delight every so often.

The MARY POPPINS book by P.L. Travers is certainly not the "G" rated Disney/Julie Andrews version but it's still a beloved classic. I love the reissue of the classic hardcover edition with the dust jacket because that's how I remember the book when I discovered it as a child at my school's library in the 70s. Since then, it's been one of my favorites! Illustrations by Mary Shepard are cute and provide a nice treat every couple of pages. And like other reviewers have said, this original Mary Poppins character is a conceited and no-nonsense type of woman who can be quite sharp with the Bank's children. She's nothing like the Julie Andrews character in the movie. But nevertheless, she's still an endearing character that takes the kids (and the reader) on wonderful and magical adventures. We should all be so lucky as to have a "Mary Poppins" in our lives! I recommend this book for story or bedtime for kids of all ages.

Bought this as a gift for my "Poppins" obsessed two year old and looking forward to reading this at many bedtimes. These are the original classic stories with beautiful illustrations (scattered throughout- this is definitely not a picture book) and the 80th anniversary binding is beautiful and heavy duty.

Mary Poppins remains one of my favorite childhood stories. It is a look into a magical and innocent time long past. The Mary Poppins here is a very acidly tongued woman who is no-nonsense to a fault. The whimsy of the film is a pale comparison to the imaginative magic of this tale. For those sensitive to the political correctness of our current time remember these stories were written in a culturally insensitive past where gender roles were in full effect and it reflects that bias.

I admit it, I am an adult who loves Mary Poppins. And this book did not disappoint me. Miss Travers active imagination when her magical world will collide with residents of Number 17 Cherry Tree Lane. Of course, all of the events in this book happens in the park that they visit just about every day. I would say that the park is a wonderful place to be.

In 1961 I was 13 and an amazing Disney fan. (I still am) My mother was an English WWII war bride as and she and I went to see all the movies. At 13, I was old enough to go with my friends, and we saw Mary Poppins and I loved it. My mother was very well read, but she had never mentioned these books and I was surprised to find out that it was a series like Nancy Drew and the Bobbsey Twins. This lead me purchase book for my Kindle. I loved the book Mary Poppins and will continue to read the series and share with my granddaughters now 8 and 9,

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