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## Mr. Tickle Details

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## **From Reader Review Mr. Tickle for online ebook**

### **Jules says**

My 6 year old niece and I both loved this book. It's amazing either of us survived it, as we both tickled each other every time the word tickle was mentioned. I was out of breath and exhausted by the end of this book, ha ha :-)

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### **Josh Caporale says**

3.5 stars

The Mr. Men series is just brilliant! Roger Hargreaves does such a great job putting together stories about characters with particular attributes and places them in situations where these attributes are tested. Mr. Tickle was the first in the series and there really were no tests for this character with long, thin, wavy arms. He almost always got what he wanted! He could stay in his bed and get food from his refrigerator. He would go to different places and just tickle random people without them knowing about it, the funniest being the schoolteacher that he snuck up on in the middle of class. The only downside to this story was the execution in which this particular story was illustrated. While we get a view of the teacher in the classroom, we do not see Mr. Tickle tickling him in what would have been an extremely hysterical sight! While photos may not be able to capture every extraordinary moment, illustrations can and certainly should, especially if it is a creation. Aside from that gripe, Mr. Tickle told an extraordinary, laugh out loud story!

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### **David Sarkies says**

#### **And he went to town**

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Boy is Mr Tickle a pest. Near the beginning of the book, after causing some mischief at school, much to the delight of the pupils, Hargreaves tells us that then 'Mr Tickle went to town.' I'm not entirely sure that what Hargreaves meant here is what we mean these days when we say that 'we go to town' (if that term is more than just an Australian term, which basically means to cause an incredible amount of havoc and destruction on an object, or person), but this is certainly what happen in the book. As a result of his antics, Mr Tickle causes trains to be late, letters to be lost, shops to be messed up, and a huge pile up at an intersection – much like this one:

Anyway, here I am, drinking some rather ordinary coffee out the back of a coffee shop on a lovely sunny Saturday. I had planned on going out and about, but it has turned out to be a perfect day to do so since it is absolutely beautiful – it certainly beats sitting around the home doing calculus (though a part of me does actually want to do some more calculus, but there is always time for that). Furthermore, it has been a while since I have read a Mr Men book, and while I am currently making my way through the brilliance that happens to be The Silmarilion, Mr Men books are short, quick to read, and it gives me the opportunity to

write a couple of more reviews.

As for Mr Tickle, I guess it is a question between being a lot of fun, and being quite annoying. I would have to say that Mr Tickle falls into the second category, but for some reason he seems to get away with it. Mind you, with such long arms, he can get away with an awful lot, though it isn't as if those arms don't stand out. Still, he is able to get a cookie from his kitchen without actually leaving his bed – which is quite a feat, though I'm sure we will end up making robots to do that for us (or simply have children).

Well, this was a fun book, even though Mr Tickle basically got away with being a pest. Still, at least I now know the origin of the term 'and he went to town' (well, not quite, but it does make a good anecdote).

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## **Gareth Senior says**

This book details a day in the life of the central character - Mr. Tickle who is quickly established as a classic anti-establishment figure in the manner of James Dean in "Rebel Without A Cause", Peter Fonda in "Easy Rider" or Marlon Brando in "The Wild One".

Tickle goes about his day humiliating people in positions of authority, making them look stupid and disrupting the valuable work they are doing in the community and their contributions to the wider society. Mr. Tickle breaks in to a school and tickles a teacher. Beyond that he attacks a policeman, a railway guard and a postman. Traffic is disrupted, trains run late and items belonging to the Royal Mail are damaged.

Tickle is a recidivist without morals or conscience. He's an archetypal anarchist, intent on 'sticking it to the man'. It's easy to see why two-year-olds warm to him – his generation are the so-called "Terrible Twos", infants who are learning the norms of society by testing behavioural boundaries that have been established by their parents.

Mr. Tickle's motivations for disrupting these important functions of '70s society are unclear. He simply wakes up in the morning in the mood for mischief and embarks with glee on his trail of destruction. Tickle is a real sociopath but with obvious charisma and charm – a classic folk-hero figure.

The Mr. Tickle design has, in recent years, been given a makeover. His newer form shows a character in the midst of an uncontrollable (or forced?) giggling fit – a flamboyant (or attention-seeking?) display of glee at his antics. The original rendering simply shows Mr. Tickle sporting a large satisfied grin – it's the kind of grin that, upon seeing it, makes the observer want to smile too – a natural, unforced and contagious expression of happiness. Of course, as Tickle's repeated pattern of destruction comes to light, it's the kind of calm smile that hints at hidden depths and becomes an unnerving and unsettling expression of something far more sinister and intriguing.

At the end, it becomes clear this is a book for a parent and their child to enjoy together as the reader is encouraged to spring a surprise on their audience by tickling them. It's a genius interactive ending that cements this book's place as a children's classic.

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## **Mari?ina says**

4,5 stars!

I loved those books when i was little!  
And i'm so happy i found them again!

The simplicity behind the stories and the characteristics on Mr. Men and Little Miss series was just brilliant!!!

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### **Kibble says**

Mr tickle is a flawed work. Mr tickle lives in a town where all the authority figures are men. Mr tickle tickles people, as far as we can make out, without asking them first. On the other hand, he only tickles figures of authority, to bring pandemonium, and joy to children. He can also get biscuits out of the tin without getting out of bed.

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### **Shirley Revill says**

Always loved the books by Roger Hargreaves and Mr Tickle is a firm favourite with my grandchildren and also my children when they where young.  
Recommended.

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### **David says**

A serial sexual predator, whom the authorities are unable or unwilling to stop, is brought to book by a member of the public. However, due to a lack of a suitable offender management programme, the doughty heroine becomes his next victim...

This slim work, more of a novella than a full novel, was written in a pre-Yewtree era but, with amazing prescience, Mr Hargeaves has captured the Zeitgeist of that period. He lays bare the failure of the establishment to address the issue of harassment in the face of overwhelming evidence. I expect to hear soon of Mr Tickle joining Dave Lee Travis and Stuart Hall in the dock of the Crown Court, while the Hitchcock-like twist at the end can be seen as a warning to the present-day government to avoid tinkering with the Probation Services.

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### **Jeremy says**

Never heard of these books before, but apparently they were quite popular back in the day. I would probably enjoy more books in this series.

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## **Gerry says**

I bought this book for a young friend of mine to add to his collection but thought that I would cheat and read it first ... and I am glad that I did for it tickled me!

Mr Tickle has long arms and can tickle people without them being aware that anyone was near them. He did it to the teacher, much to the amusement of the pupils and there was 'a terrible pandemonium', he tickled the greengrocer whose apples spilt all over the floor, he tickled the railway guard and the train was five minutes late in leaving, and he tickled the postman who dropped all his letters in a puddle.

And Mr Tickle enjoyed doing all these things and when he arrived home he sat back and laughed at all the people that he had tickled. The motto of the book is beware of Mr Tickle because you never know where he is.

Blimey I am being tickled as I write this ... where is he?

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## **Calista says**

This is the first of the series. This book was funny. What's funny is there were no repercussions for Mr. Tickle for tickling people. He got away with it. He is pretty sneaky with those long arms. This started the entire series, so it's appropriate that it starts with laughter.

My nephew told me to read this to him. Of course I had to. It is such a fun series.

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## **leonie says**

mate this is literature at its best

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## **Joey Woolfardis says**

There is nothing I want more than to be able to reach downstairs for a biscuit whilst in bed. Lucky bastard.

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## **Siobhan says**

Ah, Mr Men and Little Miss, how wonderful you are!

These books made up so much of my childhood. No matter what I would go ahead and pick one up. I worked my way through them all a couple of times. Each one has a wonderful story for the child to engage with, each character being fun to read.

Everyone has a bias for their favourite character, yet every book is delightful.

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### **Michael Finocchiaro says**

This is one of my favourite Mr. Mr. books - so incredibly funny! Well, it is about Mr. Tickle but still - wonderful!

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