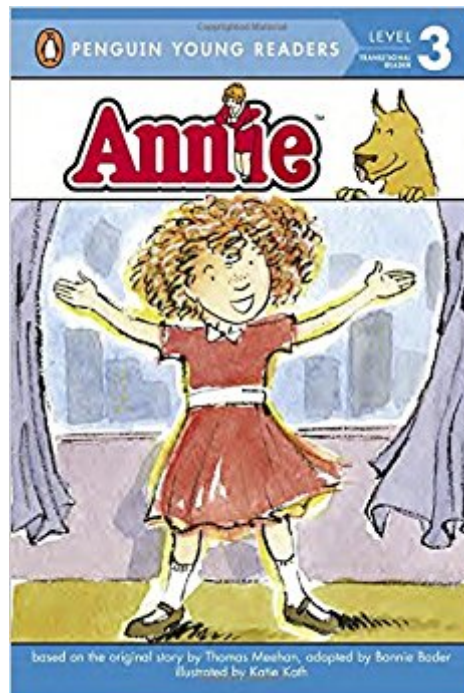


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# Annie (Penguin Young Readers, Level 3)



## Synopsis

The hit Broadway musical and classic story is for even the youngest readers! Everyone knows the story of the irrepressible Annie, who lives at Miss Hannigan's orphanage until she beats the odds and finds a new life with the benevolent and wealthy Daddy Warbucks. Now, with a Tony-nominated revival recently on Broadway and on tour throughout 2014-2015, this classic story is joining Penguin Young Readers!

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## Customer Reviews

Thomas Meehan has received the Tony Award for Best Book of a Musical for *Annie*, *The Producers*, and *Hairspray*. He is a long-time contributor to *The New Yorker*, an Emmy Award-winning television writer, and has collaborated on a number of screenplays, including *Spaceballs* and *The Producers*. He has also written the books for the musicals *Young Frankenstein*, *Elf*, and *Cry-Baby*. Katie Kath ([ktkath.com](http://ktkath.com)) is a freelance illustrator who has done children's books, graphic design, logo design, posters, greeting cards, and more.

This edition is a reprint of the extremely rare "Annie: An Old Fashioned Story," and I am very glad to

see this book reprinted for new generations of Annie fans young and old to read and enjoy! This edition includes a new introduction by author Thomas Meehan, and it's nice to hear in Mr. Meehan's own words how he developed the story of the Broadway Stage Musical (which of course was adapted for movie and tv in 1982, 1999, and 2014). This novel contains many scenes and characters which had to be cut from the stage musical, which are interesting to read and imagine what they might have been like on the stage. Many times Mr. Meehan cleverly adapts the song lyrics into his prose; an "Easter Egg" for those who know the Broadway songs very well. There are no illustrations in this book, which the original 1980 edition had, but maybe that is best so the reader is left to picture his/her own images of the scenes and characters. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book to any age fan of the "Annie" stage show and movie versions.

My daughter really enjoyed this book. However, she is very fond of Ms. Hannigan. In the 1982 movie version of the Broadway musical, viewers see Ms. Hannigan, whose character has a change of heart at the end when she tries to save Annie from Rooster, at the celebratory party at Mr. Warbucks house; she's seen riding the elephant. Although I hardly noticed this detail years ago, my daughter noticed it and, thus, viewed her as a vindicated character. So, if your child entertains a similar perception of that character, they might be disturbed to see her in handcuffs being "sent to jail" with Rooster and Lilly. We just simply returned the book and purchased a used copy of the storybook, which accompanied the 1982 film.

If you are an Annie fan, but you have not yet read Thomas Meehan's novelization of his own musical, believe me when I tell you that you owe it to yourself to do so. When I started reading this book, I figured I'd just be reading the musical in word format, but little did I know how deeply into the heart of the story it goes. Even if you are familiar with the Broadway musical and/or the three film versions, there is still so much more to learn about Annie. This book filled my soul with pure, raw emotion. It is ultimately a story about hope, destiny, perseverance, and spiritual guidance. I honestly did not expect for this to end up being one of the greatest novels I have ever read. Although, frankly, I should have.

After watching the movie on Netflix, I became curious if a book had been written, since many movies had a bigger broader story that is only told in novel form. I was thrilled to find this book version of Annie! I didn't buy it right off, but after dreaming of buying it the other night, I finally did and I was not disappointed! This version follows the movie and play of Annie, but has more scenes

and in my opinion, a better version of the ending! Having knowledge of these new or rather, removed scenes from the movie and play, give more depth to the story and interest to the character! It's an easy read, and a good read. Yes it's a bit expensive to purchase, for ebook standards, but it's worth it!

Adorable book. Great read for all ages! Also excellent for character study if you are going to be in the play!

I'm not sure why it took so long for me to read this timeless classic, (ok, my daughter made me read it & i have to present her a book report) but one thing's for certain..you've got a huge fan in me. It has everything...the rags, the struggle, the character development, the deceit, the riches & finally, the happy ending...Thank you, Michael

Bought it for our granddaughters (6 and 3 1/2) before seeing the play-gave them some background for the play. Good introduction before the play.

I ordered this book for a young man who was in the Christian Youth Theater production of *Annie*. It was his first time on stage and made a lovely remembrance for him. I personally love the story!!

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