

Paddington Takes the Air (Armada Lions) by Michael Bond



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For most people, "taking the air" is merely taking a simple stroll, but as all true Paddington admirers might expect, nothing is simple for Paddington. As usual, though, he retains his talent for turning his sticky moments into great triumph. Whether he's attempting to tailor pants for grouchy Mr. Curry, or embarking on a thrilling career as a mystery detective, Paddington is sure to find trouble—and fun—wherever he goes.



Reviews of the **Paddington Takes the Air (Armada Lions)** by Michael Bond

Cordabor

I grew up reading the Paddington Bear stories geared towards younger children and had no clue that a junior novel existed. Seeing the movie sparked my interest again in Paddington and I discovered this book. Although this novel does not contain the delightful watercolor drawings, I highly enjoyed reading the unabridged version of Paddington's story. I would recommend this novel to older children and adults. For younger children there is the book Paddington that has the delightful watercolor drawings. This book is a great way to introduce young children to Paddington. Paddington Bear stories are classics and all children should have the chance to know Paddington. The stories are delightful and children will enjoy Paddington's antics. Please note that the movie plot is different from the book. I would recommend having your children read the first Paddington Bear story before they see the movie. I am so glad that Paddington's stories are being republished. I cannot wait to receive the next story in the series, More About Paddington.

Fordg

My mom wanted to buy me a Paddington book for my birthday celebration as something to remind me of my youth when she would read the original Paddington book to me. I thought it was very thoughtful of her, she however didn't have much success finding a Paddington book with much content in it and purchased a modernized thin book after the new Paddington movie.

Again this was very thoughtful but I told her let me see what I could find online? So I did some checking and found the Paddington Treasury book and knew it was exactly what I wanted. I thought it was such a neat book that what was suppose to be a gift for me, turned into me ordering one copy for me which my mom would pay for, and one copy for her which I would pay for. I appreciated so much her desire to buy me something so thoughtful. I knew she'd really enjoy it and be very surprised!

So the first copy came and I wrote a note on the package and gave it to her as her copy. She was very surprised and we both looked at it and think its really exceptional! The Treasury has 35 stories and artwork that is after the original artwork so it really brings you back to that special and unique time of childhood.

I feel that anyone who has ever appreciated the Paddington stories would enjoy this collection and it would certainly be a great way to tie a parents fond memories of childhood into the life and memories of their own children through sharing and reading to and with them.

Great job on putting this collection together!

Mr_TrOlOlO

Great book about a little bear who is always getting into trouble. I read this book to my 5 year old boy at bedtime and I think I enjoyed it just as much as he did. It's nice to be able to read a novel that has age appropriate language. I think my son was able to relate to Paddington's thirst for knowledge about the world around him. We look forward to reading more of the series.

Xarcondre

When I first bought this book my 5 year old wasn't interested. A year later he loves it! He thinks Paddington is hysterical. We read a chapter before bed and he practices his reading comprehension by telling me about the previous chapters. He's made me read the part where Paddington steps in Mr. Brown's teacup many times. It's so good that he can appreciate the same books I loved when I was young. Timeless!

Use_Death

For the first three books of the Paddington series, Michael Bond wrote Paddington's adventures as incidents that could have been more or less connected to one another, such as in the first book where the Browns welcomed him and introduced him to British customs. But in "Paddington Abroad", his adventures revolve around one concern: the Browns' summer holiday in France. As such, the book's first half concerns all the mishaps Paddington has to do as he prepares himself for this trip, and the latter half revolves around the holiday itself. Though I don't want to reveal too much detail for as we all know, Paddington's adventures always take a surprising turn for everyone. My favorite chapter in this book was the one in the airport, as the Browns wonder how Paddington can get to France if he is a stowaway bear and wonder if he has a passport. I liked this chapter because this goes along with Paddington Here and Now where a disgusting rag accuses Paddington' of being an illegal immigrant, something that had created debate in newspapers and with fans all around the world.

To conclude, I loved Peggy Fortnum's illustrations which bring life to Paddington's exploits, and I loved the drawing she did for Paddington on a tricycle and of the tent he installed during a particular incident in the penultimate adventure. The drapes' details are clear and contained lot of energy.

Stick

When Mr and Ms Brown invited into their home a stowaway bear called Paddington, I don't think they, along with anybody, would have expected this marmalade-lover's adventures to have a great impact into their lives, and ours, nor that he would become, in our world that is, a popular character in children literature and British culture. Now I heard some cynical people around me (Mister and Miss Curry) calling Paddington Bear clumsy, dim-witted and the most stupid creature that the world has ever seen. However I think those cynical people are wrong and should take a note from this young bear's golden heart, decency and good manners.

It is in this book that we get to find Paddington's first adventures around London as he experiences adventures at the theater, in the Underground (or Subway), in a large shop, at the beach and at his new home. It is in this book that we get to see the most recurring characters and locations that occur in the Paddington Bear series like Portobello Market, Mr Gruber and I am very pleased that the Kindle edition has kept Peggy Fortnum's original ink illustrations, which I am very fond of for their energy and the clear expressions of the characters.

In the end, this book is the first in the long classical series of Paddington Bear, who comes from Darkest Peru and who loves marmalade sandwiches.

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