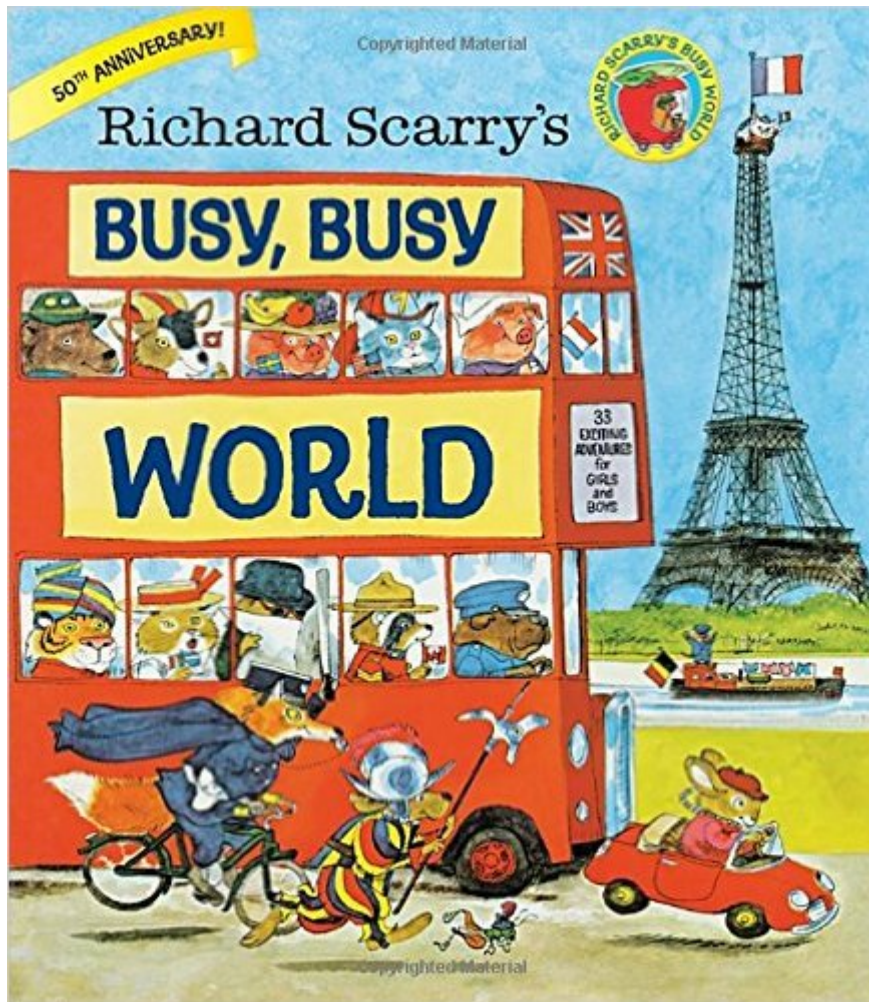


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Richard Scarry's Busy, Busy World



Synopsis

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, little explorers can travel the world thanks to Richard Scarry! With 33 stories featuring fun-filled stops in New York, Paris, Tokyo, Egypt, Australia, and more, this worldwide adventure of discovery will have children ready to pack their bags and visit those international Busytowns!

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

This was my favorite Scarry book of all time. My father was a pilot and every time after he went to work, my Mom and I would open this book and read the story that focused on the countries on his itinerary. It was my first exposure to other cultures and was done so in a way that was educational, but not overly pedantic. My 30 plus year old copy is so worn out, so I was thrilled when I found a copy on the internet. Unfortunately, it was the 1990 reprint. Those of you who remember this book fondly from childhood and are seeking a copy should make sure to GET ANY COPY PRINTED BEFORE 1975. The "politically correct mania" that started in the 1970's resulted in some of the stories being pulled from the modern reprint editions. Patrick Pig's (Ireland) story was pulled because of a reference to the Irish Republican Army's slogan, and some of the stories focusing on the Middle East regions were also pulled. Although from a modern viewpoint the depictions are largely stereotypical, (a Venetian gondolier with the striped shirt and straw hat, a panda representing Hong Kong) if these stereotypes don't bother you, then by all means, share this book with your

children. And Random House, please reprint this book.

I just gave my grandson "Cars and Trucks and Things That Go," a book that all 4 of my children adored, and he adores it too. Thought I'd give him Busy Busy World next, another all-time, all-kid favorite, but NO! it's out of print. Lots of books that the 20-somethings loved have gone out of print and it's too, too bad. Bring this one back, and all the others, in their original large formats. I noticed that Cars and Trucks... has actually been reprinted in a slightly reduced format with colors less sharp, probably because cheap-o Golden Books now owns it. But even in inferior copy, Busy Busy World deserves to live on.

There is no rational explanation why this book should be out of print. In a world in which every sordid detail about Madonna, Dennis Rodman, and some wrestler named "Mankind?" is easily available, why is it so hard to get a copy of the best childrens' picture book ever written? I was given this book in the late 1960's and more than any other event in my life it gave me a desire to see the world. At the age of four I was able to find every country this book mentioned in my World Atlas. As an adult I have now been to most of these countries and yet it is still Richard Scarry's version that comes to mind. I would love to obtain a copy for my daughter since mine is falling apart at the seams.

My 2.5 year old son adores Cars & Trucks & Things That Go and A Day at the Airport, so extending on the Richard Scarry theme -- but with learning and culture! -- sounded awesome. Unfortunately this book shows its age in the countless negative stereotypes it includes, particularly about women. Perhaps as to be expected, the country depictions are quite stereotypical (and honestly, borderline offensive). I was hoping for a bit more content about the actual places, vs an excuse to use a funny name like Schtoompah the Funny Austrian. But I was not expecting the countless vignettes that feature nagging, marginalized wives and mothers. Examples like "Hans always managed to come home from work soaking wet. This made his wife very angry" or "Shalom had a wife. She was always shouting at him" make me cringe (though admittedly, my son would read this book all day). Only 1 of the "33 exciting adventures for girls and boys" features a female lead character. I would pass on this particular Richard Scarry book, particularly if you were hoping to widen your child's perspective on the world.

I'm 34, and I still remember the boa around the plane, and Fatima and Sven Svenson's barn and

Sven Svenson's cow, and I'm going to cry because it's out of print and I can't buy one for my soon-to-be niece!! I have my original book from when I was two, but the spine is split and there's masking tape wrapped around both glossy hardcovers to keep them on -- it was read by me and my younger brother so much! It is hands-down my favorite book from when I was a young child, and it is a CRIME that this book is not in print!!! A CRIME! A CRIME! A CRIME!

This was my alltime favorite book as a child. WHY is it out of print? I lost my original copy, but luckily was able to find a replacement at a used book sale. Now a good friend of mine is the mother of 2 children 2 1/2 and 1 and this is the perfect gift for children that age. I'm going to try to find a used copy for them, but I doubt that I will be successful. As wonderful a book this is, most of them are probably falling apart from so much reading. I am definitely with the gazillion other people who want this book back in print. If you are too, I suggest, you print all the customer reviews, and send them to Golden Books publishing company.

Of all the Richard Scarry books we grew up with, why would this one be out of print? My son and I have been relying on my family's old, taped-up copy, but several pages are missing. (The story about Sergeant Yukon of Canada ends with Smudge the chimney sweep rescuing Frau Wascherwommen's little boy Hans...) Still, it's our very favorite book, and for my son, it's an obsession. My sister-in-law was very impressed when my not-quite-2-year-old said "Israel" and pointed to the right place on the world map! I want to get complete copies for my son and my nephew, but I can't afford the collector's prices. I hope an enlightened publisher brings this book back into print someday!

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