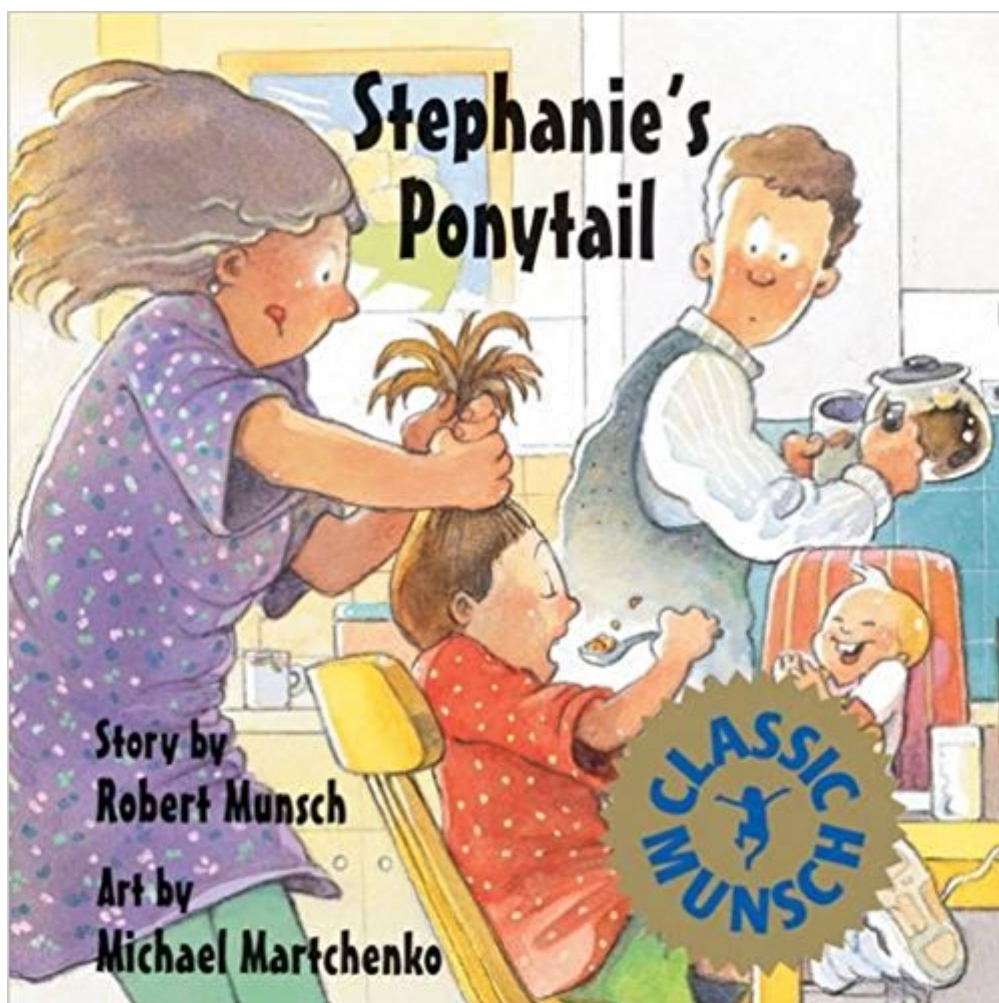


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# Stephanie's Ponytail (Munsch For Kids)



## Synopsis

None of the kids in her class wear a ponytail, so Stephanie decides she must have one. The loud, unanimous comment from her classmates is: "Ugly, ugly, very ugly." Steadfast, when all the girls have copied her ponytail, she resolves to try a new style. With true Munsch flair, each of Stephanie's ponytails is more outrageous than the last, while the cast of copycats grows and grows.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-"Ugly, ugly, very ugly," decrees the class when Stephanie arrives in school with a ponytail. But the next day, all the girls have ponytails, too. Dismayed and disgusted by these copycats, Stephanie has her Mom move her ponytail to one side with the same results. After wearing it top and front as well, Stephanie confronts the class with her final act of defiance-she announces that she's going to shave her head! Next day, her teacher and classmates are bald as billiard balls and Stephanie? Why, she's chased from the classroom with her very ordinary ponytail flying out behind her. Munsch lampoons the slavish conformity of kids while applauding Stephanie's courage and audacity in this thinly disguised paean to individualism. The cumulative text and

progressively more unusual hairstyles will appeal to young readers, and the turnabout ending is satisfying if not surprising. Students of all genders, races, body types, and ages are equally subject to ridicule. The blatant hostility to Stephanie's creative coiffures is never explained, however, and her unholy glee when escaping the rampaging mob of bald classmates borders on malicious. The text is presented opposite the full-page watercolor illustrations that are suitably cartoonish and silly. Independent readers will notice the funny details, such as pets with ponytails. While too small for use with large groups, this book could spark a lively discussion if read aloud. Predictable, irreverent Munsch. Carol Ann Wilson, Westfield Memorial Library, Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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One of Robert Munsch's best stories. It is a reminder that a person does not need someone else's approval or validation. Be yourself; and, if you like it, whatever it is, that is the most important thing.

The kids in this book were really mean. I didn't like it at all. Too bad as Paperbag Princess is one of my favorites.

Daughter although she is 22 now still loved seeing and reading this.

love love love this book

Perfect for a baby shower - my favorite children's book! Arrived quickly and in great condition.

Cute book - granddaughter enjoys it.

I've been reading Robert Munsch books for 20 years. I have read them to neices, nephews, kids I've mentored, neighbor kids, kids at church, airports, & doctors offices and any place you find a kid. Kids love them as they have a great story, good rhythm and they are funny. "Stephanie's Ponytail" is about a young girl who has a very distinct idea of how she wants her mother to fix her hair. And she is very put off by how her peers want to imitate her "do." This is one of my favorite Robert Munsch books. "Annikins" are approx 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" so they fit in a birthday card or in your purse. You can also buy the books in 8" x 8" glossy cardboard cover or in hardback. In my opinion, any

Robert Munsch books are the best. He has around 30+ titles.

This is such a great story to subtly help children have confidence to be themselves in a world of followers. I love it and my 3 year old granddaughter loves it. It opens a door to discuss how people can criticize but secretly want to be different too. Recommend for all budding individualist!

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