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Editorial Review

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What's remarkable about the stories in this wonderful collection is the emotion James Marshall infuses into his understated, charming text and illustrations. Each brief tale is always humorous, never preachy, and his drawings--deceptively simple in appearance--are guaranteed to spark feelings of empathy, delight, and self-recognition. Maurice Sendak, in his foreword to this 25th anniversary compilation edition of all 35 stories, notes, "Those dear, ditzzy, down-to-earth hippos bring serious pleasure to everybody, not only to children. They are time-capsule hippos who will always remind us of a paradise in publishing and--both seriously and comically--of the true, durable meaning of friendship under the best and worst conditions." (*Ages 4 and up*)

Review

"Marshall...was a lion in children's publishing, and the humanity and humor of this lovely book will delight both children and adults."--*The Buffalo News*

"Young readers will enjoy having these hilarious and heartwarming stories about these two delightful characters in one easy-to-access place, while adults will value the commentary, which touches upon Marshall's personality as well as his artistic genius."--*SLJ Extra Helping*

"[George and Martha] remain . . . two of the more elegant and finely detailed characters in children's literature . . . The new *George and Martha: The Complete Stories of Two Best Friends* will guarantee at least a month of delightful bedtimes. It will produce belly laughs to be treasured by the moms, dads and grandparents."--*The Sunday Plain Dealer*

"The stories are super short—indeed, that is part of their charm—and always leave readers and listeners wanting more. The best reviews come from the little experts who sit on laps and hear these stories for the first or 500th time. George and Martha are, quite simply, tons of fun."--*BookPage*

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About the Author

James Marshall (1942–1992) created dozens of exuberant and captivating books for children, including *The Stupids*, *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, and the ever-popular *George and Martha* books. Before creating his canon of classic, hilarious children's books, James Marshall played the viola, studied French, and received a master's degree from Trinity College. He also doodled. It was the doodles, and the unforgettable characters that emerged from them, that led him to his life's work as one of the finest creators of children's books of the

twentieth century. In 2007, James Marshall was posthumously awarded the Laura Ingalls Wilder medal for his lasting contribution to literature for children.

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