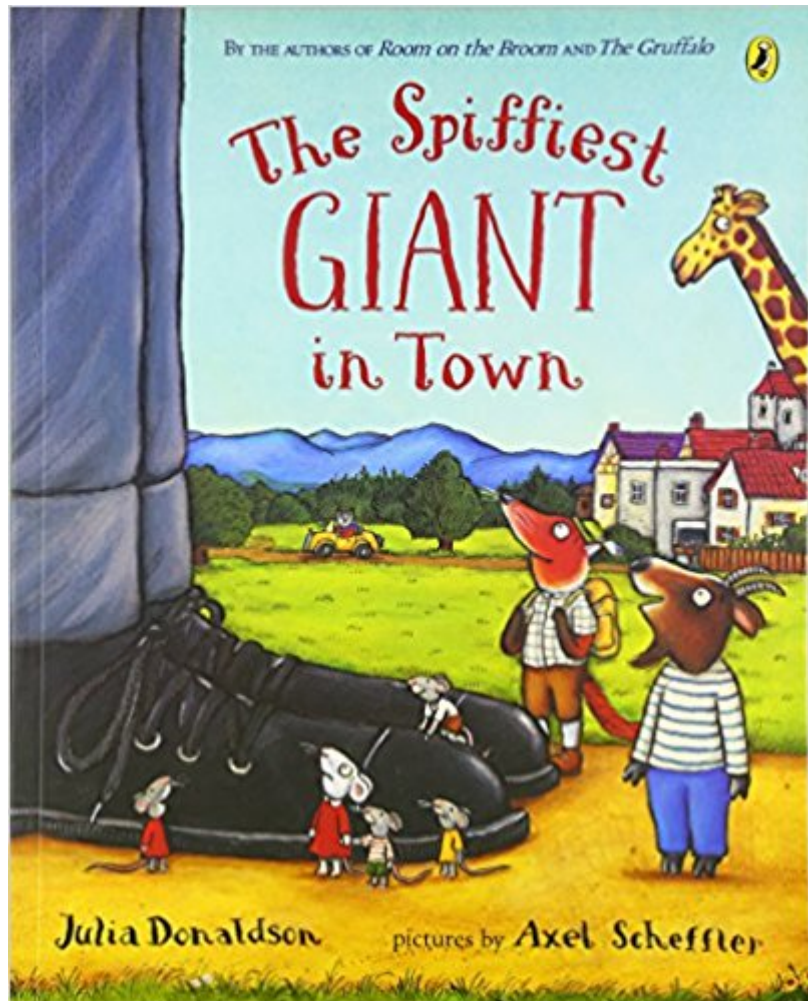




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# The Spiffiest Giant In Town



## Synopsis

When George the giant spies a shop full of wonderful clothes, he decides to treat himself to a new outfit. He puts on his new shirt, pants, shoes, and tie, and is immediately transformed from the scruffiest giant in town to the spiffiest giant in town. But on his way home, George runs into various animals who need his help. And little by little, George finds himself giving away all his new purchases. From the creators of *Room on the Broom*, this is a lively tale that reminds readers that sometimes it's what's inside a person-or a giant-that matters most.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3-In a place where giants and "regular sized" people coexist peacefully, George has a problem. He is "the scruffiest giant in town" until he finds a new clothing shop and buys himself some new duds. However, his days of being the spiffiest giant in town are numbered because he is so kindhearted. As he sings a little tune to himself about looking so fine, he runs into needy creatures. Soon George has given up his striped tie to warm a giraffe's neck, a shoe to house a mouse family, his shirt to a goat that needs a sail for its boat, and so on until he has to retrieve his old rags. Finally, he is offered a crown and the title "the kindest giant in town" by his appreciative beneficiaries. Scheffler's brightly colored, animated cartoons, done in pencil, ink,

watercolors, colored pencils, and crayons, are perfect for this offbeat story of generosity. Good for collections needing books about being kind to others. Bina Williams, Bridgeport Public Library, CT  
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PreS-Gr. 1. George, a giant, buys a spiffy new wardrobe to replace his worn, patched gown and sandals. Soon he strides through town and country, singing to himself and helping those he meets along the way. He gives his tie to a giraffe with a cold neck, one of his shoes to a mouse for a home, and his belt to help a dog who keeps sinking in a muddy bog. When his unbelted pants fall down (a sight that will provoke hoots and giggles from the story hour set), George realizes that he's cold. Once he finds his old clothes and his new friends again, he's warm both inside and out. George's song, which becomes longer each time he sings it, functions as a cumulative reflection of his good deeds and a rhythmic, rhyming break from the prose text. Children will find this an appealing tale, with especially nice art. Scheffler creates an unabashedly childlike, imaginary land where clothed animals, people, and giants peacefully coexist. Amusing details abound in the lively, colorful illustrations. Carolyn Phelan  
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I think this is my fave JD/AS book so far (we have the Gruffalo books, Room on the Broom, The Snail and the Whale, and have read The Highway Rat, which is my least favorite- didn't like the ending). This is very sweet, and teaches happy and sad feelings. We have the British version so that my American-born child is talking about trousers... (not sure if the American version uses the same term, but I understand it uses "spiffy" instead of "smart. "). Highly recommended.

SUCH a sweet and thoughtful book! Both my 6 year-old son and 4 year-old daughter love and ask for it.

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler are consistently a winning combination in today's flood of children's books, and The Smartest Giant in Town ranks as one of the top - and we own nearly 20 of their books! Living in the city my 4.5 year old twins regularly ask about how to help people we see on the street that may be down on their luck. This whimsical story is one of the few that brings forth the importance of selfless giving to others. Recently my son even asked if I could give a man one of his granola bars I had in my bag, because he wasn't hungry and figured that man needed it more than

he did. This warmed my heart, and made both kids happy when I passed the granola bar and a bottle of water to the man. We also refer to this book when we gather clothes and toys for donation. This used to be a struggle, but now they gather things themselves that they know they don't use anymore.

This is a book about sharing and giving. I bought it for my granddaughter and she really loved the pictures. The story is great. The giant wanted to look his very best so he bought some new clothes. Along the way, he ran into some friends who needed help. He helped them at the expense of his new purchases. The message in this story is one that we should teach our children about the joys of helping others. I loved the story and the illustrations.

The kids love this book, as does the old lady. She's quite the baby herself, so no real surprise  
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One of my three year old's favorite books!! and I don't mind reading it either, I find some other books exhausting to read again and again, but this one is cute!

My family loves books by Julia Donaldson. She is the author that wrote the Gruffalo, the Snail and the Whale (our favorite) The Room on the broom and many others. We like that the text flows beautifully, it is an easy fun read. The pictures are vibrant and go perfectly with the story! You won't be sorry adding this book to your child's library.

This is one spiffy book!! We really enjoy this book about giving and caring. Great illustrations too.

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