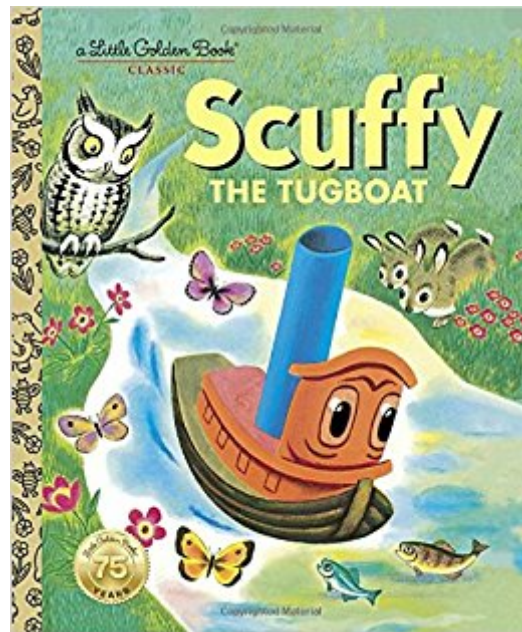




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Scuffy The Tugboat And His Adventures Down The River



Synopsis

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GERTRUDE CRAMPTON (1909-1996) was a teacher and a textbook editor before she wrote two of the bestselling Little Golden Books of all time: Tootle and Scuffy the Tugboat. Born in New York City, she graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. TIBOR GERGELY (1900-1978) brought to life two of the most popular Little Golden Book characters, beloved by generations: Scuffy the Tugboat and Tootle. Born in Budapest, Hungary, he received his only formal art schooling in Vienna, at age 20. Gergely designed stage sets and marionettes, and worked an

illustrator and cartoonist for central European newspapers. During this time he also painted murals and exhibited his paintings in Europe. In 1939, Gergely rolled up his canvases and immigrated to the United States, settling in New York. His long association with Golden Books began in 1942--the year of their launch--and continued as long as he lived. In 1955, Gergely received a Caldecott Honor for *Wheel on the Chimney*, written by Margaret Wise Brown and published by Lippincott. Gergely illustrated more than 70 Golden Books including *The Great Big Fire Engine Book*, *The Taxi That Hurried*, *Daddies*, *The Merry Shipwreck*, *Seven Little Postmen*, *The Happy Man and His Dump Truck*, *Animal Orchestra*, and *Animal Gym*.

Book arrived within 2 days in excellent condition. Moral of the story is all about gratitude. Be grateful for what you have, when you have it. Recognize those who are kind and good to you while you can. Or be an arrogant little tugboat & come to be filled with regret. (It's ok- there's a happy ending for the tugboat.) Or interpret it any twisted, depressing way you want based on your generation, how many times you were told you are special, or how many times you listened to TLC's *Chasing Waterfalls*. I don't care. If your toddler like boats, they'll like the book.

I love this book and so does my daughter. I really enjoy reading this to her and doing different voices and sound effects, we both enjoy the detailed illustrations. I wish that more books published today had the care and value in Little Golden Books. The story is rich but easy for a child to understand, the illustrations are whimsical but masterful. Each page is a work of art. We love Little Golden Books and this was one we knew we had to our library. *Scuffy* is a little bit controversial because I think a lot of people see it as telling kids not to dream big and to play it safe. I really don't think that is the message at all. *Scuffy* goes out into the world on his own, and does brave and scary things. He's a tiny toy tugboat that eventually makes it from a bathtub to an ocean. On the way he goes through small streams and huge rivers (which can be helpful in teaching kids about bodies of water and things like that) and has many adventures. Eventually he makes it back to his bathtub where he realizes that he's happy. He DID dream big and he DID make it to the ocean, but when he got there he realized that #1 it was scary and he didn't like it as much as he thought he would and #2 he missed the man with the polka dot tie and the little boy who loved him! How many times have you planned something and it didn't turn out how you wanted it to? Or did something you wanted to do and wished you hadn't? As an adult, I identify with *Scuffy* in so many ways. I currently travel with my daughter and husband thousands of miles away from my home and everyone I love because my husband is in the military. I miss my family and friends so much, and sometimes I'm scared to be

away from them. I miss a lot of big things, like births in the family, weddings, etc. But I know I was meant for bigger things, (taking care of my family, being with my husband) but one day I will go back to them (my bathtub) when my husband's time with the military is over. These are the types of lessons we should be teaching our children so that when they go out into the world they will remember that they still will have a home with their loving parents and family. Even though they are meant for bigger things, there's a cozy bathtub waiting for them if they need it. Knowing they always have a fortress of love and understand behind them, kids will be empowered to face the scary things in the world.

I recently bought the Kindle version. But our family still has the original hard cover version purchased 69 years ago which I gave to my grandson. Obviously I love the book. So does my grandson. (One reviewer commented that the original version had a map at the end which illustrated Scuffy's entire journey..I can confirm that the original version had this illustration and the current version does not.) Some reviewers claim that the book sends the wrong message: "Be happy with your safe little bathtub and don't go off on dangerous adventures." That's not the message I got from this book. I believe the book encourages young people to seek out adventures but to recognize their limitations. (When Scuffy reached the ocean he knew he was over his head.) That is the mantra that has guided me throughout my life. It has worked for me. I am 76 years old and have survived many adventures.

I loved Scuffy the Tugboat as a kid, and like Scuffy I wanted to do big things. I did do big things and I want my kids to do big things too. That's why I bought this book to read to them, though it was hard to find. There's something comforting to a child's mind to know that Scuffy is right: that there are bigger things out there than his bathtub. He goes out and sees the big world and the worst that happens to him is that he is scared. But his safe bathtub is still there to come home to. And even though we adults know that Scuffy will always be a toy and will never do big things, kids know that one day they will grow up and may be ready to see the big world and do big things. But until they grow up, their safe little bathtub will always be there to come home to. That's not how we adults logically see the book, but it is a story for children, and they don't draw conclusions based on a life of experience as we do.

Such a classic! My husband and I have always loved this book and had to add it to our little one's collection. We love all the golden books and you can't go wrong with this one either. Highly

recommend my son loves it!

Nice little story about a boat who thinks he wants bigger things, but decides the smaller life is best. Toddler likes the journey the tug takes down the different waterways.

A favorite book of mine and my brothers when we were children and think my granddaughter will love it too. She and her mom read everyday, and she's growing quite a library.

This book had pages that were crinkled and looked liked they were exposed to water, or flattened crookedly Very disappointed in this, as it was a gift.

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