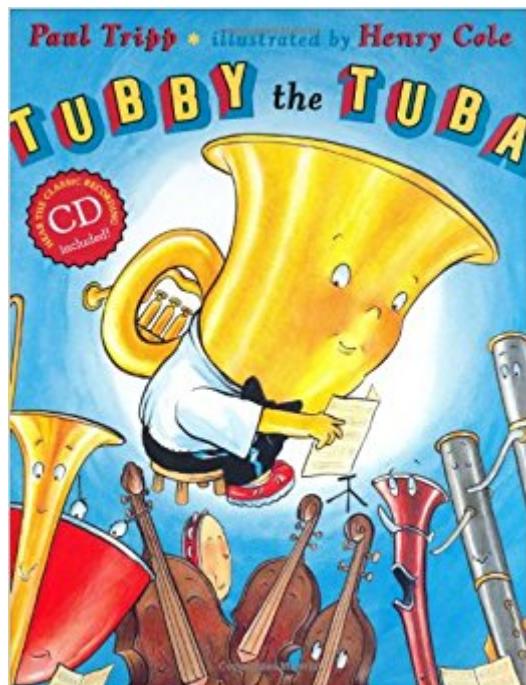


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# Tubby The Tuba (Book & CD)



## Synopsis

For sixty years audiences have been charmed by the adventures of a tuba named Tubby. All day long, Tubby plays oompah, oompah with his orchestra, but what he really wants is to "dance with the pretty little tune." A resourceful bullfrog shows Tubby that everyone has the right to play his own melody. When the recording of Tubby the Tuba was first released, it met with instant success, and it went on to sell 13 million copies. Now these classic characters have been reimagined by Henry Cole in this stunning picture book, which comes complete with a CD of the author's performance with full orchestration. This is a musical and visual treat for a whole new generation to enjoy the world's most famous tuba.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2  
Cole presents a picture-book version of this beloved composition, written by Tripp with music by George Kleinsinger, which was first recorded in 1946. Tubby the Tuba is tired of just repeating oompah, oompah and wants to perform a melody like the violins or the flute. That night, while sitting by the river, the unhappy tuba meets a bullfrog, who sings a beautiful tune. The next day, inspired by his new friend, Tubby enthusiastically plays the melody for the orchestra, winning the acceptance of the conductor and the other instruments. The colorful cartoons, showing an apple-cheeked Tubby clothed in a T-shirt and red sneakers, create a retro

mood without looking dated. This title stands alone as a great introduction to the orchestra for children. However, reading the story while listening to the accompanying CD, which is narrated by the late author, is even better. A good choice for classroom sharing and individual reading.  Marilyn Ackerman, Brooklyn Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

The orchestra's tuba, Tubby grows tired of supplying the steady "oompah" background and longs to play melodies. Discouraged by the other instruments' reaction to his one attempt, Tubby ambles off one evening and finds inspiration down by the river, where a friendly frog offers help and encouragement. Written by actor Tripp as a child's introduction to the orchestra, the musical story of Tubby the Tuba was released as a short, puppet-based animated film in 1947, a book in 1954, and a longer animated feature video in the 1970s. Cole's colorful retro-style artwork endows the instrument-characters great emotional expressiveness. He uses the large format to good advantage, creating scenes that are varied in their effects and show up well from a distance. The accompanying CD, which slides into a pocket inside the back cover, features Tripp reading his story with orchestral accompaniment, as it was meant to be heard. Sometimes paired with Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, this child-friendly introduction to the orchestra looks very appealing in Cole's picture-book version. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Very nice book and CD. I had the original LP when I was a kid and this is a remake - but with the author narrating and a good orchestra is very very close to that original first recording. Got it for the grandchildren to introduce yet another generation to orchestra music.

Very cute story. Narrated nicely. Orchestra parts highlight the text. Super introduction to the orchestra.

I listened to Tubby the Tuba over and over and over as a child on my phonograph. I was happy to find it now to pass on to my grandson with the accompanying book (which I did not have). It is a great intro to the various instruments of the orchestra and a nice little story about feeling left out and rallying. My grandson is 4 yrs. old and very pleased with the combo

My 4 year old loves this book! Before introducing the CD, I read it to her every night for a week so

she would know when to turn the pages. She's listened to it at least once a day for the past month and has the entire thing memorized. Sometimes she'll even read it out loud to herself - from memory - without the CD. Needless to say I feel like I've gotten more than my money's worth. The narrator is wonderfully dramatic. The music is beautiful.

I'd owned *Tubby* on vinyl when my children were the age of my great grandson and great granddaughter, and we'd played (and sung along) so many times that it has very special memories for me. I couldn't think of anything I'd rather give to my son's grandchildren. The children's librarian recommended that I buy the book to go with the cd, and I'm glad she did. All in all, a great buy. It was slower in delivery than I'd expected, and I was eager to package the two and mail them.

Daughter loves it!

My 2-year-old son loves to play the CD and "read" this book. It's a sweet story and I love that he is getting to hear and learn about instruments of the orchestra.

This story introduce the tuba that is brass unfamiliar brass instrument with a lovely story and lovly disk playig special music by a Tuba!!

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