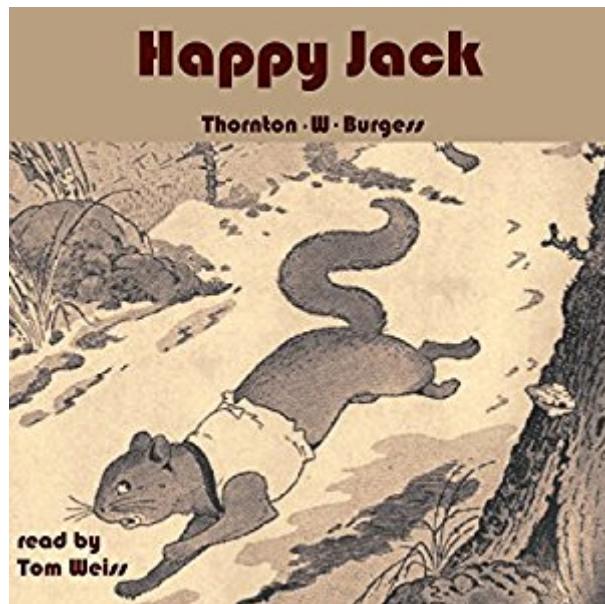


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# Happy Jack



## **Synopsis**

Happy Jack is a grey squirrel who lives in the Green Forest. Like most little creatures, he must fend for himself. Happy Jack has discovered a tree that chocked full of hickory nuts. He wants them to be all his own and believes the tree is his because he found the nuts. But his cousin Chatterer the Red Squirrel doesn't believe this. A loud quarrel ensues between the two along with a chase and suddenly the hickory nuts are gone! Where could they have gone? As with all Thornton Burgess books, young listeners are taught valuable lessons about nature and positive virtues of life.

Thornton W. Burgess was a conservationist and author of children's stories. He loved the beauty of nature and its living creatures so much that he wrote about them for 50 years. By the time he retired, he had written over 170 books and 15,000 stories for a daily newspaper column.

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## **Customer Reviews**

All of Burgess's animal stories give you the feeling that we are hearing a voice of someone who know the land and the animals he wrote about. Well, I am sure he did. He did not spent time in front of the tube but likely knew the feel of cold dew on the morning grass, the rustle of fall leaves while walking through the woods and the warming rays of a summer sun climbing in the sky. Burgess could give a twist to an animals natural temperament and turn it into a personality you could believe in and identify with. His stories are from an earlier era and style. But for the person looking for that kind of story they work for kids today. Well, at least I can get my grandchildren (3-5) to pay attention to these tales. They also carry a moral for the reader. Something one seems to miss in the

contemporary children's stories that are so busy avoiding being pious or preachy, if the writers even know of such topics. Yes, these are the tales told by the older school of children's story writers that come from those who experienced the natural order of a world where the wild animal was just over the fence line of in the orchard at night and scurrying off into the forest at daybreak. One might call this "realist" literature with a twist.

We love all of the Burgess "nature" books!

Every chapter begins with a short witty reflection by Happy Jack. Appropriate for emerging readers and the adventures of the Green Meadows are guaranteed to capture their attention.

Great five minute stories that I remember reading as a kid and now I can start reading them to my daughter. Simple and easy to understand, many of the stories teach lessons about morals, instead of mindless blather. I am enjoying reading through the series again.

My son's kindergarten teacher told us to read Burgess' animal stories as an antidote for all the ninja, Star Wars, commercial info that is slung at children. It is perfect. My son is 5 (almost 6) and he loves every Burgess story. I will read him every one. I even hear him saying, "Yes, Sir!" right out of the story. Sweet, good, simple stories for children to get lost in.

my 3 boys love Thornton W. Burgess; they could listen for hours. I love that the tales are wholesome, the writing style excellent (no dumbing down of language here!) and the chapters relatively short. There is always something to be learned about nature, and good morals and habits are encouraged throughout.

I grew up on these and LOVED them! Never tired of hearing them over and over again. If you read to your children or grandchildren, you'll want them all.

No color or any other illustrations in the book. The illustrations in my old book, from the thirties, really added to the stories.

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