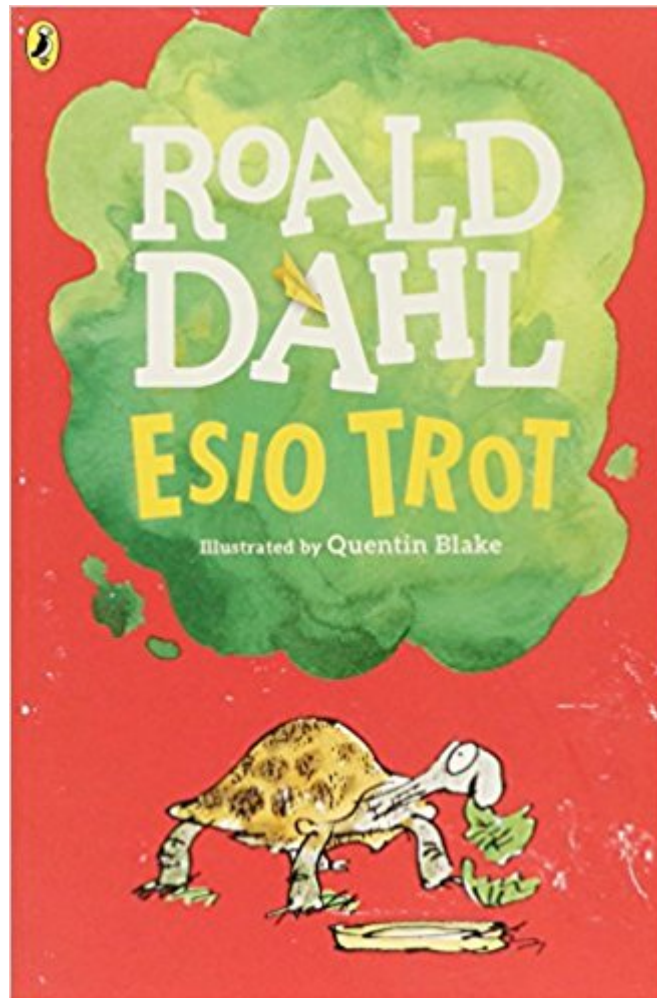




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Esio Trot



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Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The BFG*! Mr. Hoppy is in love with his neighbor, Mrs. Silver; but she is in love with someone else—Alfie, her pet tortoise. With all her attention focused on Alfie, Mrs. Silver doesn't even know Mr. Hoppy is alive. And Mr. Hoppy is too shy to even ask Mrs. Silver over for tea. Then one day Mr. Hoppy comes up with a brilliant idea to get Mrs. Silver's attention. If Mr. Hoppy's plan works, Mrs. Silver will certainly fall in love with him. After all, everyone knows the way to a woman's heart is through her tortoise.

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Customer Reviews

This celebrated, splendidly matched author-illustrator team here present a 64-page love story that is equally sweet and silly. For years, Mr. Hoppy has leaned over his balcony rail to gaze longingly at Mrs. Silver, who lives one floor below him. But all of her attention and affection is showered upon her pet tortoise, Alfie. Although the creature seems content, his devoted owner is concerned because he has gained a mere three ounces in the 11 years she has owned him. When the distressed Mrs. Silver tells her neighbor that she will be his "slave for life" if he can find a way to make Alfie grow, the determined Mr. Hoppy devises an elaborate scheme to make her think the tortoise is growing. (Since tortoises, according to Mr. Hoppy, are backward creatures that "can only understand words that are written backwards," his exhortation to the pet begins "Esio Trot"—which is

"tortoise" reversed.) It is a happy Hoppy who gets all the credit--and Mrs. Silver's hand. Adults and older children will appreciate Dahl's superior storytelling skills, and will chuckle at Blake's animated, cartoony drawings. But the book's length and subtle humor make it less suitable for beginning readers. All ages. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 3-6-- What is this? A love story by Dahl? By the master of the malign, the nabob of the nasty, the king of the coarse, the baron of the body function? Can it truly be he? Well, in a word . . . yes--it can. And to those who still disbelieve, it's a sweetly insouciant love story at that. For years, old Mr. Hoppy has loved his neighbor, Mrs. Silver, a widow who, alas, only has eyes for her pet tortoise, Alfie. The details of how her wish that Alfie would grow a little faster inspires Mr. Hoppy to win the widow's heart will not be divulged here (but it has something to do with the fact that "Esio Trot" is "tortoise" spelled backward). There's not much room for character development in this slender story, but Blake's jauntily scribbled illustrations are--as always--the perfect comic complement and manage to give even Alfie a personality. --Michael Cart, Beverly Hills Public LibraryCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a fun book. My whole family loves it. The pictures are great. I noticed in the low-star reviews that someone was offended because the main character is deceptive and says he wants to make a woman "his slave." If you read the book, you will see that it is not meant to be taken seriously. It is very, very silly. It is a cute story about a shy man who secretly loves a woman and executes a patient plan to win her heart. It's kind of romantic. Recommended for kids and anyone who appreciates things cute and silly.

What a fun book. I haven't found a Roald Dahl book that I don't like. Love the story of Esio Trot. Quick shipping too. Thx!

In my opinion, this is the best Ronald Dahl book. It's short, quick-paced, and too darn cute!!

Fun quick story. It's a love story.

Mira (just turned 8) - I would give it 5 stars because it was very interesting. It was so interesting that we finished it in only 2 nights. It was a very cute story. Mihaan (just turned 10) - I would give it 5 stars

as it was a good story. I liked the part when Mr Hoppy lowered a hook to grab Mrs Silver's tortoise.

I really love Roald Dahl and I really liked reading Esio Trot but I'm only gave the book 3 stars because the book is awful compared to other of his books like George's Marvelous Medicine or Fantastic Mr. Fox. The book is short and not as clever as other books it only took me 15 minutes to read and I was bored and waiting for a turning point but the book did not have one.Ã Â Â^Âø

What a cute book

My children loved it (8 & 10 years)

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