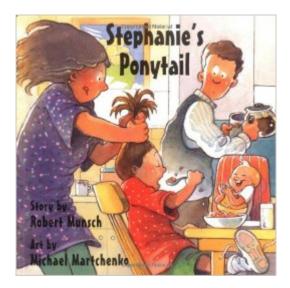
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# Stephanie's Ponytail (Munsch For Kids)





### Synopsis

None of the kids in her class wear a ponytail, so Stephanie decides she must have one. The loud, unanimous comment from her classmates is: "Ugly, ugly, very ugly.â • Steadfast, when all the girls have copied her ponytail, she resolves to try a new style. With true Munsch flair, each of Stephanieâ ™s ponytails is more outrageous than the last, while the cast of copycats grows and grows.

### **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 500L (What's this?) Series: Munsch for Kids Paperback: 24 pages Publisher: Annick Press; Classic Munsch edition (May 1, 1996) Language: English ISBN-10: 1550374842 ISBN-13: 978-1550374841 Product Dimensions: 8 x 0.1 x 8 inches Shipping Weight: 2.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (196 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #17,461 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #40 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Health > Personal Hygiene #472 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Chapter Books & Readers > Beginner Readers #1142 in Books > Children's Books > Humor Age Range: 6 - 7 years Grade Level: Preschool and up

#### **Customer Reviews**

When I was in my 20s, I had a conversation with my dad once and he said something that has always stuck in my head. He said that if someone is mean to him, he's going to be mean right back--but even worse. I said, "really?" He asked me if I wouldn't do the same. I replied, "No! Because if someone is hurting me then that means that they feel even worse." Bullying is a big problem right now in schools, but I don't believe that teaching kids to trick bullies (and essentially bully them right back) is the answer.None of the negative reviews of this book have actually talked about the plot of this book. Stephanie goes to school and kids make fun of her ponytail. The kids say to her "ugly! ugly!" She calls them "brainless copycats". Being a school teacher, I can just

imagine both phrases spreading like wildfire across a K-2 classroom when the teachers aren't present. The successive days she wears her hair in different styles until at the end she says she's going to shave her head and everyone else does it the next day--to make fun of her, but she comes to school with her hair in a ponytail. She laughs and then they all chase after her angrily. There is a brand of humor spreading in schools that really concerns me as a parent. How is this book funny? Is it funny to make fun of a child? Is it funny to imitate the Ugly! Ugly! chant? Is it wise to laugh when she tricks them--out of spite--at the end of the book? My girls did not get at all that this book was unkind until I discussed it with them and then it left our house. There is a book called Nurture Shock

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