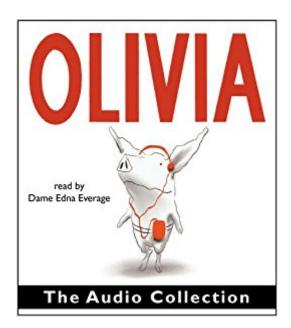


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The Olivia Audio Collection





Synopsis

Finally available on audio, all five Olivia titles in one collection, gloriously read by Dame Edna Everage. Olivia Olivia...and the Missing Toy Olivia Forms a Band Olivia Saves the Circus Olivia Helps with Christmas Share in the antics and adventures of Olivia, everyone's favorite hyperactive piglet, as she spins tall tales about lion taming and tightrope walking, plays amateur detective, starts her own one-pig band, saves Santa from being cooked in the fireplace, and creates more than her fair share of havoc that will amuse and delight listeners of all ages.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

lan Falconer is the author and illustrator of the Olivia book series, including Olivia, Olivia Helps with Christmas, Olivia and the Fairy Princesses, Olivia and the Missing Toy, Olivia Saves the Circus, to name a few. Falconer \tilde{A} ¢ \hat{a} ¬ \hat{a} ,¢s illustrations have graced numerous covers of The New Yorker. He has also designed sets and costumes for the New York City Ballet, the San Francisco Opera, the Royal Opera House, and many others. He lives in Los Angeles, California.

Olivia is a precocious and exhausting big sister piglet with an extraordinary imagination and the stamina to go with it. These five stories are read by Australian comedian Barry Humphries in the exaggerated posh accent of his Dame Edna persona--which certainly suits the piglet's over-the-top antics. The most effective and spectacular events in these stories are told in the detailed

illustrations, sometime double or triple spreads, which elaborate on the sparse and understated text. So while each story is accompanied by splendid piano music played by Peter Minton to fill in the many wordless sections of the illustrations, the pictures provide humorous sequences with details the listener will enjoy. Those wanting the full Olivia impact should pick up the books at the local library. R.H.H. à © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine

My four year old has loved the Olivia books since he was just one. We have a long commute to preschool and got this for him to help entertain him during the ride. He really enjoys this set. The narration is great -- really captures the tone of the books. My husband and I both definitely agree with other reviews that have pointed out that the Olivia books really rely on the illustrations to deliver the punchline. Some of the humor from the books is thus missing a bit here, but it doesn't really bother my little guy. If you know the illustrated books well, this CD is a great addition.

Super cute reading by Dame Edna- these are constantly on for car rides with my 2 year old. Got them for a friend as well!

My son LOVES the Olivia books, therefore we love this CD. I think we enjoy it more because we have read all of the books, "know" Olivia's sense of humor, and can picture the beautiful illustrations from the books, whereas children who have not read the books might miss some of the story since many times the humor is found in how the story is tied to the illustrations. It is frequently requested during car rides or while falling asleep at night by my 3 year old. It is relatively short, but I believe it actually contains all of the "real" Olivia books. Keep in mind, these go with the books, not the Olivia television show.

Bought it for a friend as a present. We've watched Olivia's shows and we love it. Olivias stories are great for 2,3,4 and 5 years old kids.

Arrived very quickly - great video - granddaughter is thrilled and listens over and over! Would recommend!!

Children loved it

Cute book

I purchased this product in order to teach a youngster to read. WE USED IT EVERY DAY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. We READ ALONG WITH IT. AS WE SAT NEXT TO EACH OTHER POINTING TO THE WORDS in the approrpriate book and listening to the cd it became quite an enjoyable way of learning to read. The child adored Olivia books and within several weeks of our daily reading in conjunction to the use of the Cd he was off and running. If you want this cd it is definitely worth purchasing.

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