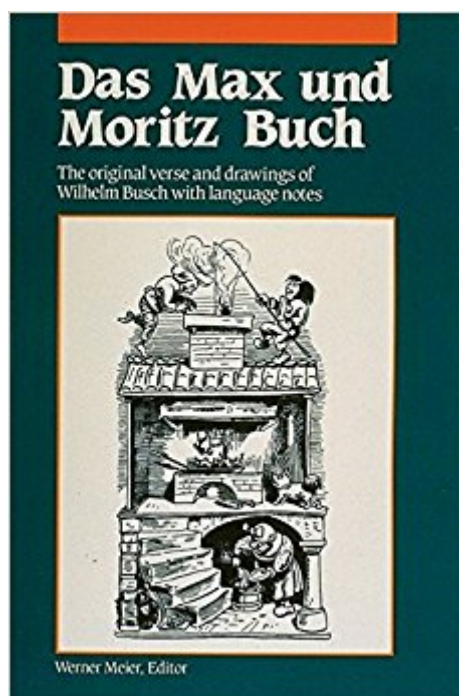




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# Das Max Und Moritz Buch: The Original Verse And Drawings Of Wilhelm Busch With Language Notes (Language - German) (German And English Edition)



## Synopsis

Das Max und Moritz Buch (Busch and Meier), --satirically written and illustrated--, has captured readers' imaginations for more than 100 years with the merry pranks of Max und Moritz. It includes exercises, vocabulary notes, and German-English vocabulary.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Text: German

This edition of Max und Moritz is designed especially for English-speakers who want to enjoy the two pranksters in the original and also wish to sharpen their German-language skills. Numerous language aids are provided to facilitate the reader's enjoyment of this classic of German humor.

Max und Moritz is a superb work of children's poetry and delightfully illustrated by the author. I use it in my German II classes in the spring and my students love it.

All good!

As a child i loved this book. The stories teach us about what goes around comes around. Not for the easily queasy folks.

This book is part of a genre of cautionary tales that was big in Europe, especially Germany, around the turn of the century that had its roots in fairy tales (the REAL ones, told by old wives living in dark forests, not those that were collected and sanitized by Perault, Disney, et al.) What distinguishes these stories from more traditional fairy tales is that punishment is not meted out by supernatural forces or angry Kings. Instead, the characters meet their just desserts as the result of some sort of irony. Like most books in this genre, *Max and Moritz* begins by accounting the cruelties committed by a couple of sociopathic children in cute rhyming verse (adding to its effect) with accompanying illustrations, then towards the end shows how their actions backfire, leading to their own horrible demise. Although these books were innocently meant to scare children into behaving, the ironic nature of the villains' demise actually suggests that they are not being punished for their actions, but are just victims of a cruel, chaotic world themselves. If only they put more thought into their cruelty, they could have gotten away with it. However, this is the reflection of an adult. As a child, this book both fascinated and scared the (...) out of me, making it far more effective than any fairy tale. This book is of particular interest because the characters of Max and Moritz are the clear inspirations behind the Katzenjammer Kids, a newspaper comic strip that was popular throughout much of the 20th century. This book is considered a classic of this genre.

*Max and Moritz*, the turn of the century German bad boys in the tradition the South Park kids, and *The Simpsons: the fun way to learn German*. Something like Kenny, Max and Moritz die but live on in our memories as obnoxious heros. Forget those crusty phrase books and stuffy texts. This is good for the advanced beginner or intermediate learner. I remember the pictures from childhood and it is fun to learn to read the German words now. The exercises are somewhat helpful; the text has been cleaned of any turn of the century idiom that might confuse. I have found reading German children's books to be the funnest, most engaging way to learn German. Pictures are always good. Most of those unfortunately do not have dictionaries in the back like this copy of *Max and Moritz* does. Not a whole lot of material, but a fun and effective learning tool.

This is one of the novels I read as a child over and over again. When I lost it years later I was so happy when my mother purchased the book for me again on one of her visits to our relatives. One of the easy ways as a child (adult) to learn a different language is through stories.

This is great! I actually bought it for my husband, and didnt realise it was a language book...but its

great because it helps english speakers to understand the funny german stories. It arrived quickly and in fantastic shape!

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