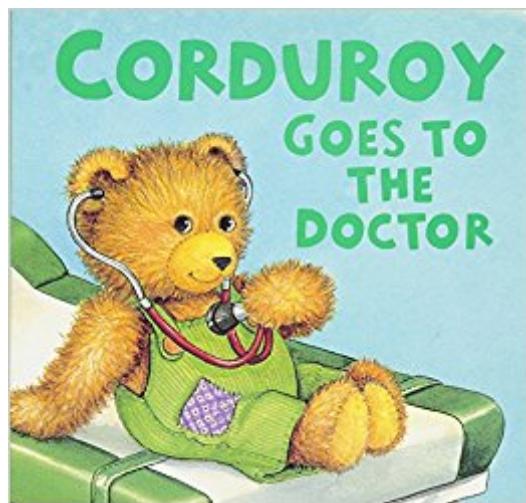


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# Corduroy Goes To The Doctor (Ig Format)



## **Synopsis**

The youngest fans of Corduroy, one of the best-loved children's book characters for over forty years, will delight in these simple, sturdy board books-now available in a larger size with an updated, modern look. In *Corduroy Goes to the Doctor*, Corduroy gets a check-up.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

PreS Don Freeman's *Corduroy* (Viking, 1968) has always been a welcome figure to children, but these two spinoffs from the classic bear's story are too cutesy and watered down to provoke much interest. Both board books transport Corduroy (with pocket intact) from the realistic world which he normally shares with Lisa to an anthropomorphic suburb, filled with cartoon-like stuffed animals and dolls that could give *Strawberry Shortcake* a run for her money. *Corduroy Goes to the Doctor*, the stronger of the two, follows the procedures of a physical exam from beginning to end, and, thus, may be useful for those needing books about doctor visits for the nursery set. *Corduroy's Busy Street* has no storyline; rather, it's a series of one-page introductions to some of the workers one might meet in a ``typical'' neighborhood. Without any discernible order to guide it, the book seems disjointed, and the characters appear to be quite randomly selected. Neither book captures the endearing qualities of Freeman's ``Corduroy''; both use him only as a vehicle for attracting unsuspecting readers. Rosemary Wells' ``Max'' books (Dial) and Eric Hill's ``Spot'' books (Putnam) are still tops at introducing preschoolers to the everyday facts of life in the grown-up world; these

are poor substitutes. Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan, Wheeler School, Providence, R.I. Copyright 1987  
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Don Freeman was born in San Diego, California, in 1908. At an early age, he received a trumpet as a gift from his father. He practiced obsessively and eventually joined a California dance band. After graduating from high school, he ventured to New York City to study art under the tutelage of Joan Sloan and Harry Wickey at the Art Students' League. He managed to support himself throughout his schooling by playing his trumpet evenings, in nightclubs and at weddings. Gradually, he eased into making a living sketching impressions of Broadway shows for The New York Times and The Herald Tribune. This shift was helped along, in no small part, by a rather heartbreakingly incident: he lost his trumpet. One evening, he was so engrossed in sketching people on the subway, he simply forgot it was sitting on the seat beside him. This new career turned out to be a near-perfect fit for Don, though, as he had always loved the theater. He was introduced to the world of children's literature when William Saroyan asked him to illustrate several books. Soon after, he began to write and illustrate his own books, a career he settled into comfortably and happily. Through his writing, he was able to create his own theater: "I love the flow of turning the pages, the suspense of what's next. Ideas just come at me and after me. It's all so natural. I work all the time, long into the night, and it's such a pleasure. I don't know when the time ends. I've never been happier in my life!" Don died in 1978, after a long and successful career. He created many beloved characters in his lifetime, perhaps the most beloved among them a stuffed, overall-wearing bear named Corduroy. Don Freeman was the author and illustrator of many popular books for children, including *Corduroy*, *A Pocket for Corduroy*, and the Caldecott Honor Book *Fly High, Fly Low*.

This is a decent book. I bought it for my 20 month old daughter thinking it would be fun since I am a doctor. The book is short and kind of basic but she seems to enjoy it.

This is a classic, and I purchased this for my VERY doctor resistant 2YO son, who is terrified of everything to do with the doctor. I'm talking a meltdown when he sees a stethoscope. Anyway, this book, while not totally relieving him of his fears, has definitely helped him normalize doctor visits, and given him pictures and words to associate with his visits, which is really important. He notices that Corduroy looks concerned in the pictures, which I think is okay, since it's okay to be nervous when you go to the doctor. It even shows Corduroy getting a shot, and of course the very scary

stethoscope. I purchased this with a little doctor's kit toy in hopes that he will be calmer the next time he goes in. It's starting to work!

My 15-month old LOVES this book. The story and pictures make going to the doctor familiar and reassuring. In fact, I even brought this book along with us to the hospital for my son's surgery. The only reason why I'm giving it 4 stars instead of 5 is because on the page where Corduroy gets weighed and measured, the doctor says, "Too many cookies, Corduroy." This is an extremely minor complaint, but I feel like the doctor's message is dated. I know that my son is only 1, but I want him to have a healthy body image and a healthy relationship with food. I took white-out & a sharpie and changed the text to, "So many cookies, Corduroy." All in all, an excellent book. I've even bought additional copies as gifts. Highly recommend.

My son has some medical issues and has to go to the doctor frequently. He is only two, and totally terrified of doctors and their offices. I was hoping this would help him better understand why we go to the doctor and what to expect. He loves this book and has started to say certain lines from it when we are going to an appointment or administering his medication. Perfect!

Our 2 year old loves this book. We purchased it because he is going through a phase where he cries at the doctors office even before anyone touches him. We want him to be comfortable at the doctor. This book has certainly helped. It goes through the story of Corduroy the bear going to the doctor, waiting in the waiting room, seeing the doctor who examines him and him being brave and that there is nothing to worry about. Our only issues were that the main character Corduroy the bear goes to the doctor but there is no mention of his parents being there with him. Also, the doctor notes that he is too overweight (which probably wasn't needed) But overall an easy read and makes a child feel better. We recommend.

Love it, so do the kids

Not the same story quality or depth of interest as the original Corduroy book. I assumed it would be except with the story of going to the doctor. I was wrong. It is clearly for much younger children, toddlers even. It made a fun extra to accompany the doctor kit I also purchased on but for my 4 year old grandson, the book is too immature. If it had not been the busy Christmas season, I would have returned the book.

Cute

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