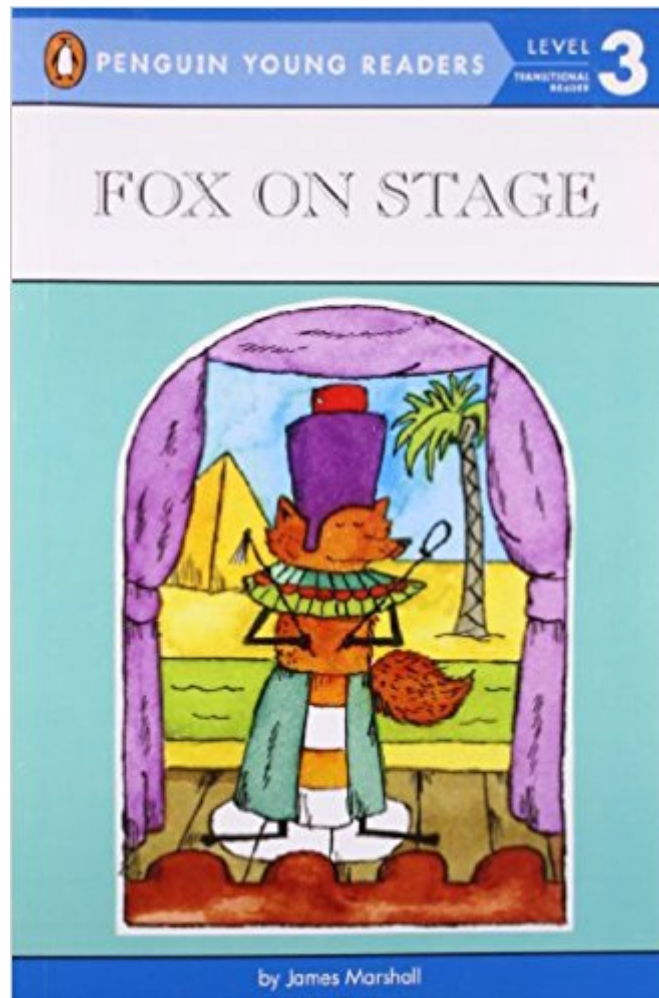




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# Fox On Stage (Penguin Young Readers, Level 3)



## Synopsis

"Let's put on a play!" Fox says. Dexter plays the mummy, Carmen is the princess, and Fox is the hero, of course—but that's not what makes him a star! Whether putting on a play, making a film for Grannie, or going to a magic show, Fox struts in the spotlight, with hilarious results.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3-- James Marshall presenting . . . Fox on Stage! This is truly Fox's favorite place--at the center of attention. But as usual, things don't turn out exactly as he hopes. First, he makes two videos to cheer up Grannie; one features Fox (of course!) but the other catches folks who don't want to be filmed. Next, after heckling a magician, he unwillingly becomes part of the show. The third episode finds Fox directing and starring in a play; nothing goes right, and the results are funny. Marshall helps new readers understand the text through his trademark pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations. Rollicking humor is missing in this ninth book about Fox, but the situations are funny and kids will identify with all of the episodes. In fact, they may be inspired to make a video, learn magic tricks, or put together a neighbor play . . . and who knows what the result will be.

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To an adult mourning Marshall's passing, there's a bittersweet irony to these tales of the unquenchable Fox, whose self-confidence lands him in one pickle after another; each cloud that eclipses Fox here has a silver lining. To his friends, Fox's conceited video ("Me, flossing my teeth") is "dumb," but Grannie Fox and little sister Louise "just love it"; when, capping a series of disasters, the curtain falls not only on the play he and his friends are putting on but all over the actors too, it's praised as the "Funniest thing I ever saw"--which is likely to be the intended audience's response to Fox's latest posturings and pratfalls. Marshall's deft way with very simple, very natural, miraculously funny phrases is perfectly matched by the insidiously caricatured animals performing in his proscenium- arch- and TV-screen-shaped frames. There are plenty of delectable details--a crocodile-librarian poised on a tall library ladder; a theatrical "mummy," a pig garbed in toilet paper. And, again, the comically expressive faces are priceless. One more to treasure. (Easy reader. 4-8) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great early reader - you can always engage a child with humor and this book is adorable.

Bought the whole set when one of my 2nd graders fell in love with them. We were so sad to look up the author to find he had died years ago. We wanted to write and thank him for these books!

such a cute series. Granddaughter loves foxes and loves this series of books.

love it

James Marshall is a favourite illustrator who has written many, many children's picture and easy-to-read books. This is a fun easy-reader for the beginning reader divided into three separate short stories. Each features Fox as the main character and while the stories are not related they do carry a theme of the performing arts. "Fox on Film" has fox using his video recorder to make movies; "Flying Fox" has Fox watching and participating in a magic show and finally "Fox on Stage" has Fox and friends preparing, and putting on a play for the neighbourhood.

I'm a teacher and it's tough to find low level books that have a good story, characters with distinct

personalities, inferential pictures and droll humor. I love the entire Fox series as they are great for teaching and the kids really like them.

love all fox books

James Marshall is skilled at writing books to hook low level readers. I use these books in the classroom to get even the most reluctant of readers to devour these stories. If only there were more!!

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