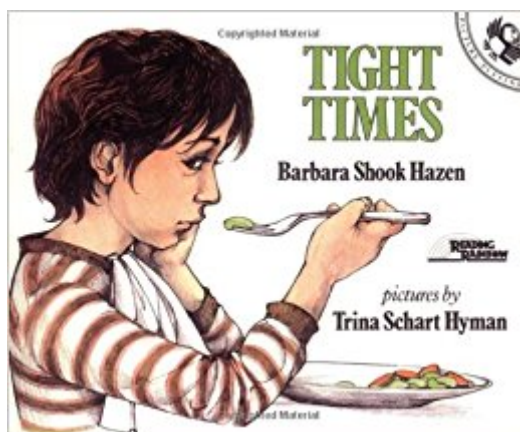


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# Tight Times (Picture Puffins)



## Synopsis

A small boy, not allowed to have a dog because times are tight, finds a starving kitten in a trash can on the same day his father loses his job.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD420L (What's this?)

Series: Picture Puffins

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Puffin Books; Reprint edition (July 11, 1983)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0140504427

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Product Dimensions: 8.9 x 0.2 x 7.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 3.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 31 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #64,654 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #37 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Difficult Discussions > Homelessness & Poverty](#) #187 in [Books > Children's Books > Animals > Pets](#) #282 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > Parents](#)

Age Range: 4 and up

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Barbara Shook Hazen, a former editor at Golden Books, is the author of more than 80 books for young readers, including the popular Little Golden Book *The Please and Thank You Book*. She lives in Massachusetts and in New York City.

It's okay, but I was hoping it would explain class issues in a way a child could understand. I didn't really see a message in it like I had hoped!

Sweet, "real" story, excellent detailed pencil-drawn illustrations... love anything illustrated by Trina S Hyman! best for ages 3-8, but adults will appreciate it too. I like that it shows the parents being emotional and crying at one point. It's not all roses, but the message is real and shows a family getting through the rough times together.

After reading review, decided to order to add to my collection of children's books. Timing was perfect, as I was able to use it for part of a children's moment during worship at church, tying the story into how our church helps others during "tight times." I did have to explain what that phrase meant, as it is not often used in today's conversation. That and the illustrations and a few references being somewhat dated, are the reason for the 4 instead of 5 stars. However, I liked the black/white pen/ink illustrations, and the message is good for motivating conversation on helping others as well as helping children to recognize that we may all have "tight times." I would recommend.

Was super glad to find this book as it was one of my favorites as a kid. I love the message of the story and I think, although the book is decades old, it still stands for families today. Will be saving it for my little one to read one day...

Good example of children's literature used in an undergraduate literacy methods course.

The black and white illustrations fit the grittiness and reality of the subject of the book. Wonderful study of the human form. I am a Trina Schart Hyman fan!

I want my granddaughter to understand that not everyone is as lucky as she. This was written in a thoughtful demeanor and I just love the story.

This is a great book that ALL families should read! Very practical, charming and humbling. I might try other books from the same writer and hope they are just as good!

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