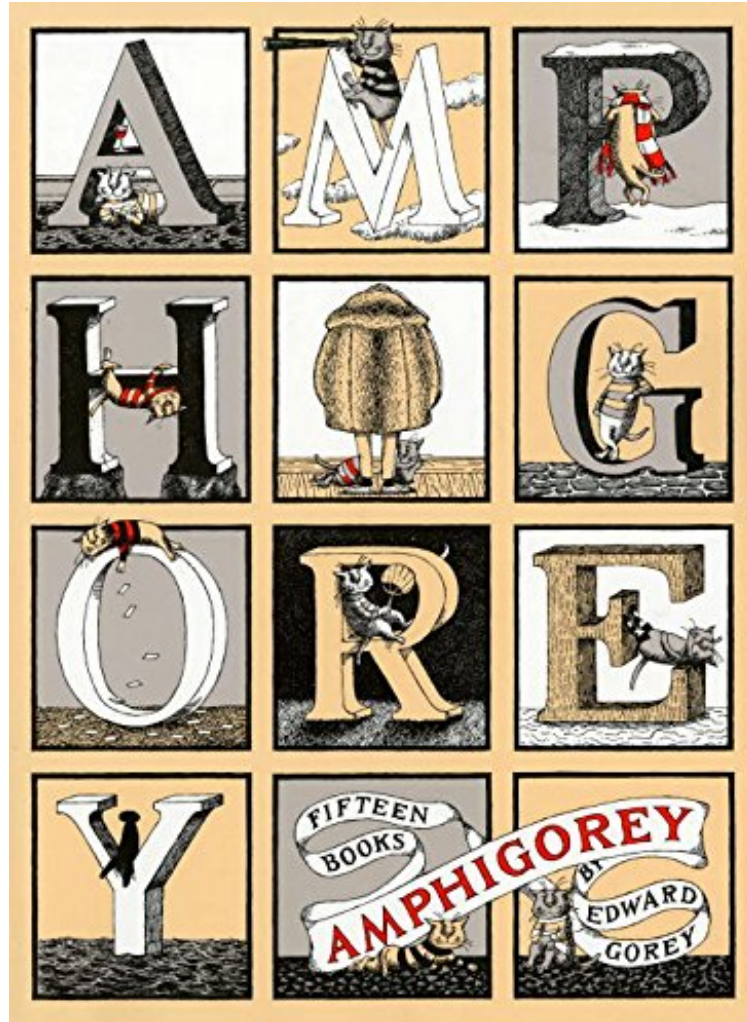


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66 of 68 people found the following review helpful. The 15 Stories of Amphigorey By ForkEatsKnife The stories this anthology contains are in order as follows: The Unstrung Harp, The Listing Attic, The Doubtful Guest, The Object-Lesson, The Bug Book, The Fatal Lozenge, The Hapless Child, The Curious Sofa, The Willowdale Handcar, The Gashlycrumb Tinies, The Insect God, The West Wing, The Wuggly Ump, The Sinking Spell, and The Remembered Visit. I bought this book knowing it would be great, but it would have been nice if I knew which stories it contained. Perhaps this information is in a place where I did not notice it and my post here is redundant, but in any case, here it is. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Nonsense By Birdie Tracy This is a fine collection of Edward Gorey's works. These books were published between 1953 and 1965 when Gorey was still quite young. They are for

both the old and young (although it's best to read them yourself first) and contain stories and verse of what he always referred to as nonsense. There is more than a bit of dark matter here- one of the books goes through the ABC's of how different children die- but I remember that my older brother found it hilarious when we were little. Go figure. The art is what made me purchase this book. Gorey's pen and ink drawings are overwhelmingly gothic in nature and the shape of his characters, their expressions, backgrounds and the bizarre happenings are fascinating. I remember being surprised when I found out that he was American rather than British because his artwork always reminded me of old Victorian art. Between his art and his obviously vivid imagination, he must have been quite a man. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Hip hip Gorey! By michael alvarez This book was on my wish list and it was accidentally ordered when my phone kind of freaked out. But I call it fate and kept it. I was going to order it just not so soon. But I love Edward Gorey. I can't wait to get the other collections. I've had this book twice before and they always end up missing. That's how much I love this book. It arrived pretty quick. Thank you.

An illustrated collection of 15 macabre short stories. In this gorgeously detailed volume, American artist and author Edward Gorey accents amphigory (nonsense verse or composition) with his signature cross-hatched pen-and-ink drawings. A mix of poetry and prose, light-hearted and decidedly more morbid storytelling, the book is sure to satisfy both fans of art and lovers of short stories alike. Stories included: "The Unstrung Harp" "The Listing Attic" "The Doubtful Guest" "The Object Lesson" "The Bug Book" "The Fatal Lozenge" "The Hapless Child" "The Curious Sofa" "The Willowdale Handcar" "The Gashlycrumb Tinies" "The Insect God" "The West Wing" "The Wuggly Ump" "The Sinking Spell" "The Remembered Visit"

.com The title of this deliciously creepy collection of Gorey's work stems from the word amphigory, meaning a nonsense verse or composition. As always, Gorey's painstakingly cross-hatched pen and ink drawings are perfectly suited to his oddball verse and prose. The first book of 15, "The Unstrung Harp," describes the writing process of novelist Mr. Clavius Frederick Earbrass: "He must be mad to go on enduring the unexquisite agony of writing when it all turns out drivel." In "The Listing Attic," you'll find a set of quirky limericks such as "A certain young man, it was noted, / Went about in the heat thickly coated; / He said, 'You may scoff, / But I shan't take it off; / Underneath I am horribly bloated.'" Many of Gorey's tales involve untimely deaths and dreadful mishaps, but much like tragic Irish ballads with their perky rhythms and melodies, they come off as strangely lighthearted. "The Gashlycrumb Tinies," for example, begins like this: "A is for AMY who fell down the stairs, B is for BASIL assaulted by bears," and so on. An eccentric, funny book for either the uninitiated or diehard Gorey fans. About the Author Edward Gorey, known for his unsettling pen-and-ink drawings with a Victorian flair, wrote and illustrated such books as *The Doubtful Guest*, *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*, and *The Headless Bust*. He was also the illustrator for the bestselling Lewis Barnavelt series by John Bellairs. Gorey was a very successful set and costume designer, earning a Tony Award for his Broadway production of *Dracula*. His works dating back to the 1950s have been collected in the Amphigorey series of books. He died in 2000.