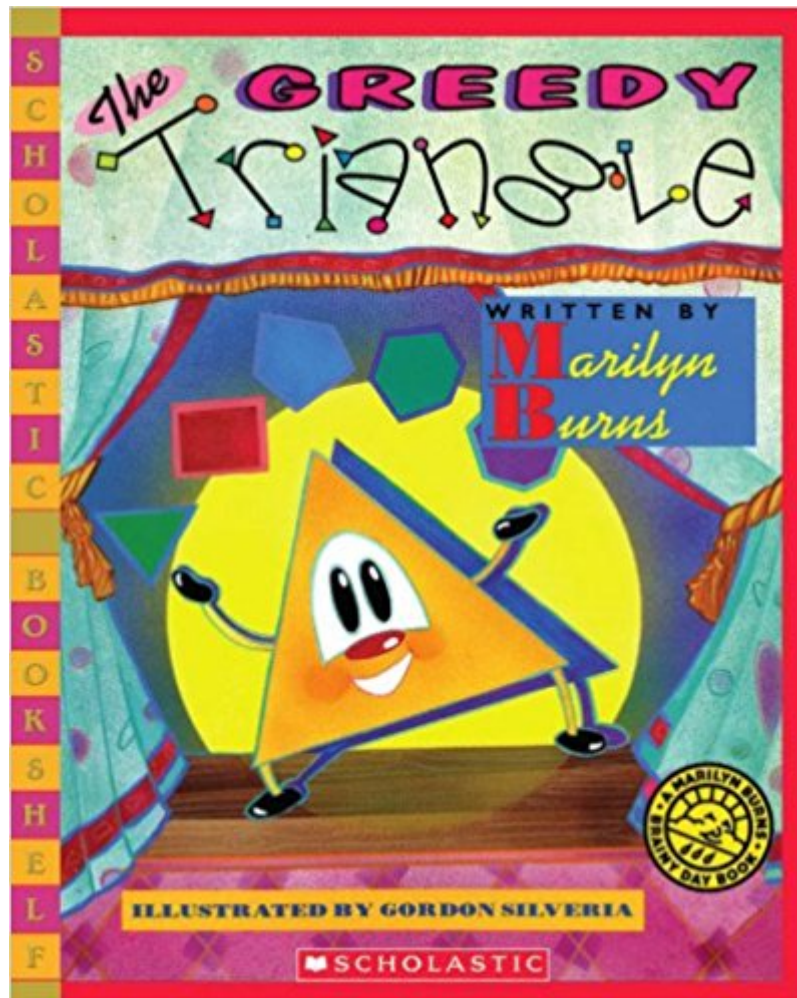




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# The Greedy Triangle (Scholastic Bookshelf)



## Synopsis

Kids will get their early math skills in shape with this bestselling picture book--now available in Scholastic Bookshelf! Bored and dissatisfied with his life, a triangle visits a local shapeshifter to add another angle to his shape. Poof! He becomes a quadrilateral. But then he gets greedy and keeps adding angles until he's completely transformed. Kids will enjoy this boldly colorful introduction to shapes and basic math concepts.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The author of *The I Hate Mathematics Book* celebrates geometric shapes in this informative but visually cluttered addition to the Marilyn Burns *Brainy Day* series. Her main character, a triangle with gleaming black eyes and a perky grin, leads a full life-it can take the shape of a slice of pie or rest in an elbow's angle "when people put their hands on hips." Yet the triangle aspires to greater complexity, so it asks a "shapeshifter" to turn it into a quadrilateral (the shape of a TV or a book's page), then into a pentagon (a house's facade) and so forth. Burns fails to show that the triangle is "greedy

PreSchool-Grade 1?An offbeat introduction to geometry. When a triangle tires of having only three

sides, he asks the shapeshifter to change him first into a quadrilateral, then a pentagon, a hexagon, and so forth until he realizes he is happiest as a triangle: he can hold up a roof, be a slice of a pie and, best of all, slip into place when people put their hands on their hips. "That way I always hear the latest news...which I can tell my friends." The text is clever and shows more than the usual places to find shapes?part of a computer screen, a section of a soccer ball, a floor tile. The acrylic and colored-pencil illustrations are colorful, abstract, and filled with smiling shapes done in shades of turquoise, pink, and yellow. A two-page spread of suggestions for adults to reinforce the math lessons featured is included at the end of the book.?Christine A. Moesch, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, NYCopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book is a great introduction to kids of different shapes and how they are found everywhere in our world. It's a cute story about a triangle who wants to try new things (be objects made of other shapes) so he changes and enjoys new experiences. As he changes the author notes the number of sides he has, the name of the shape he changes into, and explores all of the objects the "triangle" can be in his new shape. In the end the triangle wants to be himself again, so there's the added lesson about loving yourself instead of envying others. The pictures are colorful and the different shapes stand out and have personality. I read this book to first graders before going into a geometry unit, and they just loved pointing out all of the objects in the pictures made of the triangle's new shape. After the story the students were very keen on finding shapes in the classroom. They were really excited to learn about shapes after the story.

It is a fantastic book to introduce or review polygons with children. As a second grade teacher I used it to have my students review the differences between different polygons. The students created the shapes with geoboards while I read the story aloud. It's very creative in using different examples of where the shape could be found in the real world (the triangle's and my favorite spot is when people put their hands on their hips to create a triangle.)

This was such a cute book for learning polygon attributes. My students really liked it

My wife loves the books. They will be used in her kindergarten classroom.

I used this book when teaching a 3rd grade lesson on polygons. Throughout the story, as the

Greedy Triangle becomes greedier for change, a new side is added to its figure. As the story progresses, you see the Greedy Triangle in its different forms. I appreciate how the author relates each new figure that is presented to figures that are seen in "real life"

Cute story with many activities to do!

Great book to teach shapes (and to talk about being greedy!)

I selected this book to read as I was teaching my kindergarteners about various plane shapes. They wanted it read to them again and again. It really brought home the concept of vertices and sides in a concrete and sequential way. All children passed the final geometry exam--most with 90% or 100% scores. In the Tampa, FL area where I teach we are now evaluated more times than I care to think about. I was evaluated twice (by my principal and by a peer evaluator) during this unit of study. The Greedy Triangle was the best lead-in for helping my students remain engaged and learning throughout this geometry study. I highly recommend it for its high interest for all elementary students and teachers.

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