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Description:

From School Library Journal PreSchool-Grade 3-In a place where giants and "regular sized" people coexist peacefully, George has a problem. He is "the scruffiest giant in town" until he finds a new clothing shop and buys himself some new duds. However, his days of being the spiffiest giant in town are numbered because he is so kindhearted. As he sings a little tune to himself about looking so fine, he runs into needy creatures. Soon George has given up his striped tie to warm a giraffe's neck, a shoe to house a mouse family, his shirt to a goat that needs a sail for its boat, and so on until he has to retrieve his old rags. Finally, he is offered a crown and the title "the kindest giant in town" by his appreciative beneficiaries. Scheffler's brightly colored, animated cartoons, done in pencil, ink,

watercolors, colored pencils, and crayons, are perfect for this offbeat story of generosity. Good for collections needing books about being kind to others.

Bina Williams, Bridgeport Public Library, CT

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From PreS-Gr. 1. George, a giant, buys a spiffy new wardrobe to replace his worn, patched gown and sandals. Soon he strides through town and country, singing to himself and helping those he meets along the way. He gives his tie to a giraffe with a cold neck, one of his shoes to a mouse for a home, and his belt to help a dog who keeps sinking in a muddy bog. When his unbelted pants fall down (a sight that will provoke hoots and giggles from the story hour set), George realizes that he's cold. Once he finds his old clothes and his new friends again, he's warm both inside and out.

George's song, which becomes longer each time he sings it, functions as a cumulative reflection of his good deeds and a rhythmic, rhyming break from the prose text. Children will find this an appealing tale, with especially nice art. Scheffler creates an unabashedly childlike, imaginary land where clothed animals, people, and giants peacefully coexist. Amusing details abound in the lively, colorful illustrations. *Carolyn Phelan*

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