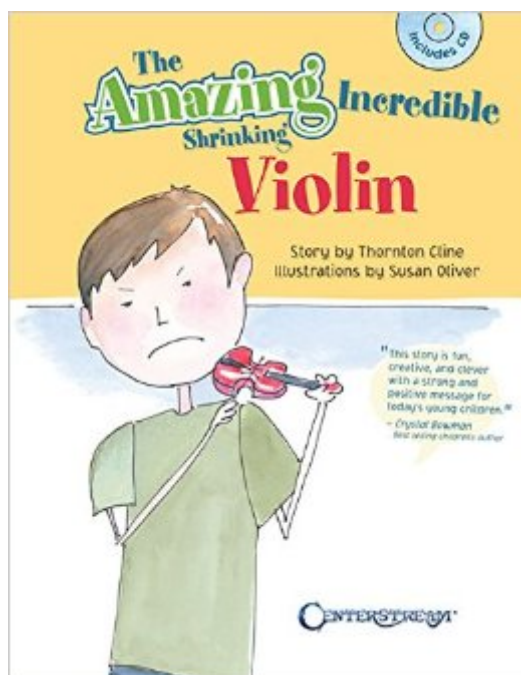


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# The Amazing Incredible Shrinking Violin



## Synopsis

(Fiddle). Young Austin begs his parents to play violin. But Austin doesn't make time to practice until one night he is visited by the violin fairy who warns him that if he doesn't practice his violin, it will shrink. Austin's classmates are amazed at what happens next! Austin discovers that if he wants to sound good, he must practice. This heartwarming story teaches the benefits of hard work and attaining one's goals. Austin's dream of becoming a big violin star is starting to come true. The book's whimsical illustrations by acclaimed illustrator Susan Oliver add to the charm and merriment of the story. The book includes a CD of 10 easy original songs for violin or voice (with lyrics sung by a children's choir) and narrations of the story. (Recommended for ages 4-8)

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This story is cute and teaches a valuable lesson, but my favorite thing is that it also has original music and a cd in the back of the book so students can practice! It's like a story book and a method book all in one. I've never seen anyone do this before. Great idea! I love this book and can't wait to share it with my students.

This is a charming tale about a little boy just beginning to play the violin. He dreams of becoming a great violinist and knows that he should practice. But sports, games, and other activities quickly fill his day, and he finds himself too busy for time with bow and strings. Too busy, that is until a fairy warns him that the path he's on doesn't lead to the goal he has chosen. For children who do not

have a fairy to help them stay on the practice track, this book is just the ticket. The story is engaging and the illustrations by Susan Oliver are a delight. As if that's not enough, the author, an award-winning song writer, has included ten pieces for beginning violin that he composed. The pieces have lyrics, which he also wrote, and which support the learning process. Among the titles are "My Violin Rocks" and "My Violin is Never Gonna Shrink." These pieces alone are worth the price of the book. An accompanying CD lets one hear how these pieces sound, both as violin solos and as performed by a children's choir with violin. In short, this book is a definite winner for both the young players and their parents!

What a delightful and exciting book for all ages! This original book is loaded with a beautiful message and a special song CD for practicing. As a twenty-seven year educator and author, I am so excited with this new book by Thornton Cline and illustrator Susan Oliver! The little boy Austin and his "red" violin will steal your heart and grab you right into the story. A definite "must-have" for all ages out there.

The story and etudes are a breath of fresh air for my young students in their lessons! I use them for warm ups and it sets a positive tone for the lesson. There has been a bit of a dry spell with creative supplemental material so I was thrilled to find The Shrinking Violin!

This adorable story entertains and cleverly encourages young children learning to play a musical instrument.

What an incredible book with an awesome moral. If you want to achieve your goals you have to practice! I love that it includes music to listen to and play along with. Such a talented and artistic author who loves music and encourages children to be the best they can be.

This book is an excellent read. It is creative literature to encourage the importance of practice...perfect practice!! I love the music CD that comes with the book. Perfect addition that compliments the book!! A must read!!

An instant classic! A great story which illustrates the good that can come into our lives through diligence.

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