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**From the creator of *Punk Farm* and the acclaimed *Lunch Lady* graphic novel series comes a hilarious romp about one little girl's insistence that she does NOT need a nap.**

It's a tale as old as time *naptume*, that is.

Lucy is not tired, not tired, NOT tired.

She is not going to nap today.

Lucy is an expert at staying awake.

But when running errands with her dad, it's suddenly way too LOUD. The lights in the store are way too bright.

It's . . . a naptastrophe!

With vibrant, charming illustrations and a relatable main character, this hilarious story is the perfect reminder to parents and kids that you only miss out on the fun when you skip your nap!

Praise for *Punk Farm*:

Never have Old MacDonald and The Wheels on the Bus seemed so hip. *NPR*

Laugh-out-loud funny. . . . Fans will definitely want a return engagement. Rock on! *Kirkus*, starred review"

## **Naptastrophe! Details**

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## From Reader Review Naptastrophe! for online ebook

### Beckie says

Lucy isn't tired and doesn't want to take a nap. Man, this author must be watching our house because Lucy is Skye! She will refuse a nap until hell freezes over and then just suddenly pass out from exhaustion minutes before bedtime in the weirdest positions. We loved this book. This is one we'll definitely have to buy!

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### Lara says

I loved the visual depiction of the meltdown - the colors, the shaky drawing, all of it. If anyone who is around small children for any period of time doesn't recognize the naptastrophe, they have been very lucky.

As funny as I found it, it's really more a picture book for parents, I think. Lucy never really understands that not having her nap resulted in her naptastrophe (a wonderful term which I will definitely be sharing with my friends with small kids). She just continues on with her Not Tired refrain until she face-plants in dinner, no real lesson learned. I suppose you could stretch it and explain to your nap-avoiding little one that Lucy needed her nap just like they need theirs - work on building the ability to relate to story characters, and to understand the consequences of actions.

For a storytime? Not really. Like I said, more one for the parents to relate to and (hopefully) chuckle at. The kids may or may not actually recognize themselves in all the nap-resistant drama. Still, might work with a book like Gideon for a storytime on sleepiness or naps (maybe for a Stuffed Animal Sleepover?).

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### Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says

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Krosoczka, Jarrett J. Naptastrophe! PICTURE BOOK. Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. \$17.99. Content: G.

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### **Shanna says**

What a cute and sweet book about a little girl who absolutely, positively will not take a nap! My favorite part was actually the part where she has a total meltdown in the store. It describes the feelings the child is having as well as the physical things that are happening (her feet got stuck to the floor). The pictures compliment every aspect of the book. Beautiful.

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### **Kirsten says**

Initially I wasn't too sure about this one, mostly because the art is kind of lazy -- the perspective inside the car is impossible, no grocery store checkout lane looks quite like that -- but my daughter adores it.

Notes on representation: the family is made up of anthropomorphic bunnies. I like that the father bunny is the primary caregiver in the story.

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### **Becky says**

First sentence: It seemed that nobody listened to Lucy when she said, "I'm not tired." So she found herself in her room. With the lights off. During the daytime.

Premise/plot: Lucy, the heroine-rabbit, is NOT tired and she will NOT nap. So her Dad takes her on his errands. Will the errands go well since she did NOT get a nap? Or will there be a naptastrophe at the store? Since the book is titled Naptastrophe! readers of all ages can predict what's coming...

My thoughts: I really liked this one. I thought it was fun. Is it my favorite, favorite, favorite book on the subject? Probably not. But it was still a fun book.

I will never tire of saying that Janet Wong's Grump is the BEST, BEST, BEST book on the subject. It is just a CRIME that it is out of print, and a CRIME that it has not been published as a board book.

Text: 5 out of 5

Illustrations: 3 out of 5

Total: 8 out of 10

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### **Lynn says**

Parents will relate to the preschooler's insistence of not being tired, and perhaps older children will see their younger siblings here, but I wonder if the little ones will appreciate it. They may enjoy the colorful illustrations of the rabbit family.

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### **Lana Shupe says**

Jarrett J. Krosoczka never disappoints me! Naptastrophe! is just another example of this author's ability to perfectly captures a young bunny's (child's) resistance to going to sleep. This book is funny and relatable for kids and parents alike. Turning the pages you just know and are waiting for the the little bunny to finally "zonk" out. The illustration for the spectacular "zonk" out is laugh out loud funny. Every time I think of this book I smile and chuckle to myself.

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### **Read Ribbet says**

I'm a big fan of Jarrett Krosoczka who has minimal word picture books with important universal themes and the super popular graphic novel series for intermediate grade readers the Lunch Lady. Naptastrophe is inspired by his real life daughter Lucy who often resists her naps. Lucy now is young rabbit. She resists her nap because she not tired until finally a naptastrophe occurs and tiredness over comes her. Te book is nicely set up for an interactive reading since kids could chime in on Lucy's repeated claim she's not tired. Add it to your collection at home for that resistant napper or to a school collection for a great interactive read aloud.

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### **mary dewley says**

By the same author of the Lunch Lady series. Rabbit won't behave because she didn't take a nap. She finally falls asleep at the dinner table, the end. Boring and disappointing. The rabbits looked strange with elongated heads and the dialogue was repetitive, but uninteresting. Didn't care for at all.

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### **Lisa says**

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### **Vernon Area Public Library KIDS says**

I'm not tired!!! That's a common kid complaint. Most kids hate naps. Full disclosure, \*I\* hated naps (though I love them now!) Our main character, Lucy, is afraid she's going to miss out on what's going on while she's asleep. What if her toys are having a dance party without her? So she stays awake during naptime, must to her father's dismay when a trip to the grocery store results in a Naptastrophe!! Lucy has a bigtime melt-down

to end all melt-downs. Time to go! This adorable picture book will be familiar to both parents and kids, especially nappers age 2-5.

Reviewed by Lisa Coleman, Youth Services, Vernon Area Public Library

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### **Barbara says**

I've never been sure if naptime was more needed for the child taking the nap or the caregiver in need of a break from the child. Nevertheless, this amusing picture book shows just what happens when Lucy, a rabbit, decides to skip her nap. Even when she is put to bed with the lights on, she doesn't sleep, and insists that she is ready to accompany her father on his errands. But her exhaustion finally hits her when the grocery store seems too bright and too loud and she freaks out, to her father's mortification. Later, when she claims not to be tired or ready for bedtime, her body betrays her, and she falls asleep right in the middle of her meal. Young readers will be amused by the experiences described here, chuckling in self-recognition of how grumpy they can become after too much missed sleep, but adults are sure to recollect vividly the consequences of their own offspring's insistence that there is no need for a nap. I liked the story more than I did the illustrations, but I know that just about anyone who has been a child or spent time with a child will be able to relate to the story.

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### **Alyssa Gudenburr says**

A funny book about a child who claims they are not tired. Shows the effects of a child missing their nap with a naptastrophe (meltdown) and falling face first into her dinner. Great for kids who are still the napping age.

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### **Becky B says**

Lucy keeps making it abundantly clear that she is NOT tired. She pronounces this statement all through nap time and then has to go run errands with her dad. What results is a NAPTASTROPHE in the middle of the grocery store.

Self-care isn't something little ones quite understand. This is an effort to help them do that, and realize that if they skip their naps it doesn't usually turn out well. Some parents will likely find that this hits too close to home to enjoy. Others will like being able to talk about naptastrophes with their kids. In the dedication, Krosoczka mentions that this was written for his own Lucy and one can surmise he's lived this more than once.

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