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A fun-filled subtext is delivered in the illustrations of this warm, witty picture book about a young girl's weekly visit to her eccentric grandfather--where "tea as usual" is poured into flower pots, and helping with housework means mowing the rug. Full-colour illustrations, for ages 6-10 years.

## **Bamboozled Details**

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# **From Reader Review Bamboozled for online ebook**

## **Liz Murray says**

Pure fun! This is a perfect book to read and share with a group of children when you all just need a laugh. It can be read over and over as there is much to see in the illustrations.

It's the story of a girl who visits her quirky grandad and think something is up. As we move through the illustrations and the story there are many oddities, but none of these are what really is up.

I'll leave it to you to find out!

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## **Janna Odenthal says**

Funny book for silly kids and adults.

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## **Jennybug says**

This is a an exciting picture book with tons to look at. Children will love to look and talk to you about all of the crazy stuff happening on each page. Make sure you have some time when you read this one. It is not a quick let's get you into bed read. I love books like this that get kids to talking and expressing themselves.

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## **Beverly says**

A fabulous, everything mixed-up pictures for kids to pore over. Great for April Fool's day.

Some of the oddities in the pictures include grass growing on the carpet, headlights on the easy chair, people or items hanging out of picture frames, non-pet animals inside the house, etc, etc.

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## **Connie says**

It runs through a text of a standard day visiting grandpa - but something is a little odd.

The text never describes any aspect of the house, but oh boy, the illustrations sure do. Is it the tiger being fed in a highchair? The dog playing a card game with them (all the cards are the 8 of hearts, and grandpa cheats, which is probably how he always wins)? The cowboys in the living room?

Every page is full, simply full of tiny details and big details that are strange, unusual, or just a little weird. Every time I open this book, the nieces (5 and 2.5) fall all over themselves to find something new to point out as silly. We haven't found everything yet, and we've had this book a few weeks now!

Naturally, of course, the thing that's "wrong" to our protagonist is something mindnumbingly banal - her grandfather put on the wrong socks this morning! Silly grandpa!

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**Rachel says**

My teacher used to have this in year 4 and I LOVED it!!! It would just sit and stare at it for ages. It really stimulates the brain like I spy books and also has a story like any other picture book. It's so fascinating and well thought out. 5 stars.

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**Allison Acker says**

Bamboozled is also a great postmodern children's book to read to children. It is different in the sense that when the young girl visits her grandfather, they mow the rug, and pour tea into the flower pots. It has humor in it which children will really enjoy.

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**Kinsey Hill says**

A young girl visits her Grandpa who lives in a very strange house and is puzzled by his mismatched socks. The illustrations are very interesting.

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**Lyn says**

What a wonderfully illustrated book. I read it to my 2 year old granddaughter but I think I got more out of it than she did. Each reading there is more to see in the fantastical drawings. This house that Grandpa lives in is like a modern day enchanted castle. Nothing is as it seems. a watch has hour glass an egg timer on it, a table is on a skateboard, all the cards in a card game are 8s of hearts, wooden spoons and rolling pins are in the fire. Every inch has some amazing quirky addition. Grandad looks like an ordinary old bloke but he lives in a world of magic.

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**Anna Youssef says**

This book has amazing pictures with a variety of things in them that can keep children occupied for a long time. The book has animals in them, and several things wrong in the room that children can point out. There are also several household chores that children might be able to identify with. It is a really cultured book that has everyday life built into it, and makes the book seem memorable.

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**Kennia Torres says**

AMAZING!! i love this book! The water color pictures are so vibrant that it tells the whole story! This story is about a boy who goes to visit his grandfather at his house. Everything is so odd. There is a tiger being fed in a high chair, there is a dog playing a card game at a table, and there is cowboys in the living room! strange? very. However, this book is so intriguing. I cannot explain how much the illustrations give the book a whole different vibe. Children will definitely enjoy reading this book because it will give them plenty to discuss and they can point out the different things that they see in the illustrations and make great conversations. I strongly suggest you pick up this book and read it!

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### **Marissa Horton says**

In the book, "Bamboozled", a little girl visits her grandfathers house for tea as usual. Only it is not the usual day in this topsy turvy house her crazy grandfather lives in. The little girl cannot find out what is different in the house. The grandfathers house is no ordinary house, the house is filled with different things, such as painting's coming to life, zoo animals all around the house, and interesting things decorating the walls.

The illustrations in this book are outstanding and very detailed. No matter how many times you read this book you will always find something new that catches your eye. The colors are so vibrant and they really help the pages come to life. This book is a perfect book to read aloud as it will entertain every reader. This book is full of wild imagination and children will find this book so much fun!

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### **Cassandra Collins says**

Bamboozled by David Legge is a post modern picture book about a young girl who visited her grandfather for the weekend. Something about this visit though seems different to her. The pictures show the house as a trick house, but in the end the girl says its because the grandfather is wearing mismatching socks.

The illustration and the text are very different which makes the the drawing very important to the story. On one page, the text says that the girl is planting bulbs in the garden, but it does not mention that she is planting light bulbs instead of flower bulbs. Other silly draws are also featured in the illustrations. For example one one page there is a kangaroo and an elephant doing the dishes and on another a painting stealing a drink from the table. Such details in the illustrations would keep a child entertained for many reads.

The way that the text and illustrations interact adds a humorous element. The texts focuses on the little girl trying to figure out what is different about this visit to grandfathers. The reader can clearing see that this is not a normal house, but the girl and her grandfather don't bat an eye towards it. They act as if it is as normal as anything. Kids can find humor in this because to them everything is different, but the narrator doesn't notice it.

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### **Sahvanna says**

This is my ultimate favourite children's book!!!

I absolutely love the illustrations and the creativity behind it. I rave on about it all the time and don't know how many times I've borrowed it when I was a kid!

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### **Merrylee says**

I checked this out from the library yesterday - as I thumbed through it, there are great illustrations - I look forward to reading this book with my 7 year old.

My 7 year old thought this book was great and loved the illustrations!

My 9 year old did not like the book.

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### **Jillian Menendez says**

Who doesn't like a trip to grandpas house? This trip is not your typically trip, grandpa has a completely different way of doing things. This story was a lot of fun to read, I really enjoyed this fun and crazy story. The illustrations are what brought this story to life. I think that children would really enjoy reading this story and looking at the pictures. Its a fun twist on a typical visit to grandpas house and children love going to grandpas. The pictures through out the story can keep children occupied for a while with a ton of detail in each page.

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### **Melissa says**

Bamboozled is a post-modern picture book for young readers. It is a detailed book about a girl who visits her grandpa. Throughout the book the reader gets to enjoy 3D pictures that are filled with color. The reader gets to explore the different areas of the grandfather's house and see the unusual decorations in his house. This book is a great read for young children because it is very entertaining with minimal text.

This story has different elements of a post-modern picture book. The story has an unusual design with the graphics that come to life. This also leads to the fact that the images tell a different story than the text. The images seem to be surrealistic as the inanimate objects have realistic features as they use things throughout the house and seem to come to life. Overall, this book has elements that open up the readers' imagination and their minds.

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### **Jacqueline Erickson says**

I loved this entertaining book because of the wonderful, interesting, and strange illustrations! I think children would really enjoy it because it allows them to be very imaginative. It reminds me of the "I-Spy" series of books I loved as a child, where in this case it is something that is silly that the reader is supposed to find within the pictures. The story is about a visit to grandpa's house and is very fun!

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### **Dale says**

Interesting pictures with plenty of discussion points. Great for predicting ahead.

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## **Sashel Palacios says**

Bamboozled by David Legge is a book about a little girl that goes to visit her grandfather at his house. This is a weekly visit, where she ever so often eats and drinks tea with her grandfather. She also helped him with chores around the house, but this time it was a little different. She realized that something during this visit was much different but she could not make up her mind what. At the very end of the story, she finally decided what was different about this vista, but it was completely unexpected. This twist in the plot added a hint of humor, which makes children ages 6-10 really laugh and enjoy the book.

The written aspect of this book is very normal and easy to understand. There is not much complexity to it, and instead tells the story in a “step by step” or “day to day” aspect. It is told by the little girl’s perspective, which makes it easy for children to relate to. The tone is very admirable because it allows the children to enjoy the read instead of focussing on difficult and confusing language. This book is simple enough were the children can focus on the wacky illustrations.

The illustrations are my favorite part of this book because they are very unique and not normally seen in children’s books. Usually in children’s books the text interplays well with the pictures and they both describe each other. This book is unique because the text and the pictures do and don’t go well together. The text says that the little girl is helping her grandfather like just a normal day but in fact the pictures show that the house is out of control and very different and unique. The children can enjoy reading this book because the illustrations allow them to experience a fun read.

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