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The Breakfast Bunch is excited for the upcoming bake sale—and the best part is that it's raising money for an awesome field trip. But when all the snacks go missing, it's no laughing matter. Someone is sabotaging the bake sale. But why?

Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch are hot on the trail . . . one brownie crumb at a time.

Lunch Lady and the Bake Sale Bandit Details

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From Reader Review Lunch Lady and the Bake Sale Bandit for online ebook

Fiona says

Fun

Kevin Summers says

Very entertaining for middle grades readers.

Jenny says

This novel is a great way to get students who do not like to read because this book has a lot of action and illustrations.

The story starts off with a grumpy bus driver Brenda. She doesn't like the students making her bus all dirty but changes her attitude in front of the principal. The Breakfast Bunch, Dee, Hector and Terrence, realize that the bus driver is not very nice. At the school there is a bake sale going on to fund the students' trip to the museum. Lunch Lady is in charge of the bake sale, but has to leave all the baked goods to sign for taco shells. Lunch Lady and Betty, Lunch Lady's assistant, come back and see all the baked goods are gone! The students might not be able to go on their field trip if Lunch Lady doesn't find out who stole all the baked goods. The principal tells the students that the field trip is off because someone stole all the items the students had brought earlier this morning. The students were very upset, except Mrs. Chalahan who teaching health and says that eating sweets is very bad for you. The Breakfast Bunch wants to find out who had stolen all the cupcakes. Lunch Lady and Betty are trying to do the same thing! The Breakfast Bunch gets in trouble because Orson, a fellow student who is the safety patrol officer, tells on them. The Breakfast Bunch then decide to skip detention and go try and find the culprit anyway! They get caught by Orson...and then they all get caught by a mystery person who takes them on a bus to a secret location. The Lunch Lady is close behind! The students find out the the person who stole all the baked goods was Brenda the bus driver because all those cupcakes were going to get her bus dirty! And she didn't want to drive the students to their field trip because it would put wear and tear onto the schoolbus. The Lunch Lady comes to the rescue of the children and fights with Brenda..but Brenda had created Buszilla and Lunch Lady has to become creative with how she deals with Brenda. Luckily Betty and the Breakfast Bunch pelt Brenda with cupcakes and justice is served. The next day they had the bake sale and were able to book their field trip but at the very end Brenda has taken over the secretary's spot and is going to try to ruin the students field trip.

I think that this novel would be great for students to read on their own because it is a quick and easy read, but it has a lot of action and mystery! This would be good to entice students who do not like to read. I think that this book would be great as an independent read or a class read aloud for older students.

I think that the cover makes students know that the book is filled with action. For this reason I think students would like to pick the book from the shelves. Even though, the illustrations are simple they convey what the rest of the story is about. The illustrations in the novel were like an old comic book! This would really appeal to the students, both boys and girls. I like how the illustrations were only done in yellow, black and white. I believe that this gave an old comic feel. Also it was a creative way to draw the reader's attention around the page. The illustrations were done in simple drawings, which I thought benefited the story line. Even though,

the illustrations were drawn in a simple manner they still had enough detail to describe the story. I think that if there were more complicated drawings it would have taken away from the novel. I think this book would be great to read aloud once for the class, but then let the students read on their own the next book in the series.

Debbie says

Lunch Lady, book 5.

For fans of Captain Underpants who suspect that their school lunch lady just might be a secret superhero.

A lot of people hate school bake sales. Can the lunch lady save the day and find the stolen goodies?

Allison says

This is book #5 in the Lunch Lady series, but the first one I've read. I saw it on the library shelf and picked it up randomly, but I loved it and now want to read the whole series! It's a fun graphic novel about a friendly, superhero Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch, which is comprised of students in the school. In this book, a bake sale to raise funds for a field trip. When all the sweets are stolen, will the trip have to be cancelled? Or can Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch solve the crime?

Gina says

This is my first time to read a Lunch Lady book. It is hilarious! Reads just like a comic book. I liked the way the Lunch Lady is the hero. It is action packed, and I read it in about 20 minutes. I can see why kids love the series!

I enjoyed the book. The comic format is a little different than reading a book, but once you get the hang of it, it's quite fun.

This would just be a fun read for grades 2-4. It's another book that would be good for pulling in struggling readers into the world of reading!

Dhruv L says

Awesome book. Great. Evil bus driver!

Dolly says

This is the fifth book in the Lunch Lady series by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. We just started reading this series this

summer and our girls really like the stories. They are fun, fast reads and I love that the superheroes are women.

Our youngest really loves the Babymouse and Squish series by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm, so we are excited to find another fun graphic novel series.

The story was an exciting, quick read and I can see the books appealing to both boys and girls. The illustrations are very cartoonish, in black and white with yellow tints, and there's lots of action and fighting. Overall, our girls enjoyed reading this book and so did I. I am sure that we'll read more of the books in this series soon.

WKPL Children's/YA Books says

Miss Linda read this book. One in a series of graphic fiction novels for 3rd-5th graders. Reads like a comic book. Imaginative, fast-paced and fun. Kids will love seeing what new cool gadgets Lunch Lady uses to capture the criminals!

Gabi says

When the school field trip depends on the earnings of a school wide bake sale, it's no good when the goods go missing! Luckily, Lunch Lady is back and on the case to keep an on the Breakfast Bunch and figure out who is behind the nefarious cupcake theft. This is a great series for young readers, reluctant and voracious, with appealing black/white/gray/yellow illustrations, funny characters, and a clever story line. Exclamations like "spicy salsa!" and cool tools like the Spork Phone will have everybody wishing their lunch person is secretly a super hero. (Plus, Betty could give Alfred a run for his money any day of the week!) Find out the fate of the cupcakes -and the field trip- in this Lunch Lady adventure.

Laura says

“Jumping jelly!” Someone has stolen the goodies for the school’s bake sale! Can Lunch Lady foil this dastardly plan to spoil the fundraiser? Readers will be hanging on every “Bah!”, “BOOF!”, and ~~erumb~~ clue to help solve the mystery before the final school bell rings!

Jarrett Krosoczka’s Lunch Lady graphic novel series holds one of my favorite characters to root for and follow. I mean—Come on! She has the coolest toys! Armed with everything from a cookie cam to rubber glove suction cups, Lunch Lady and her trusted sidekick, Betty (every super hero needs one)--protect the school, the kids, and serve up lunch all at the same time! The woman rocks!

Every page captures Mr. Krosoczka’s enthusiasm and love for the genre and characters. The yellow infused illustrations highlight and energize the action and adventure! These stories always make me smile.

A fun series for any and all graphic novel fans!

Favorite Quote:

“It’s as dark as the inside of a chocolate doughnut in here!” :D

Hannah Harris says

Title: *Lunch Lady and the Bake Sale Bandit*

Author: Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Illustrator: assistance from Joey Weiser

Genre: Graphic novel

Theme(s): Mystery, school clubs

Opening line/sentence:

"The breakfast bunch is very excited about the upcoming bake sale - and the best part is that it's raising money for an awesome field trip!"

Brief Book Summary:

The infamous Breakfast Bunch uncovers another mystery of a bake-sale thief as they investigate school suspects and faculty member's whereabouts at the time of the scandal. Readers work alongside the book characters as they trace the crumbs of the criminal, learning of different character motives and relationships along the way.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

Francisca Goldsmith -- Booklist

The clever and inventive Lunch Lady along with her protagonists, elementary-school students Dee, Hector, and Terrence, take on the titular bad guy in another satisfying episode of schoolwide politics, derring-do, and a bit of appealing fantasy, culminating in the attack of the villain's supercharged Buszilla. A know-it-all fellow student, a crusading health teacher, and a maniacal bus driver are among Krosoczka's funny and over-the-top red herrings. The high action of the yellow-washed, black-and-white cartoon panels is echoed in the narrative's pacing. The end clearly sets up the gang's next adventure.

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

Michael Jung -- Children's Literature

When a mystery bandit uses a blackout to steal all the baked goods from the school bake sale, it is up to cafeteria worker/superhero Lunch Lady to discover the guilty party. Could the culprit be Coach Birkby, the gym teacher with a sweet tooth? Mr. Kalowski the crotchety old janitor who hates sweeping up all the crumbs left over from the sale? As Lunch Lady (and her sidekick/inventing buddy Betty) closes in on the real thief, she will have to call on all her kitchen-themed gadgets to take down her enemy, who has got more than a few dangerous weapons of her own. Krosoczka infuses his usual subversive silliness in this latest installment to the Lunch Lady graphic novel series which manages to ridicule virtually every school employee (save Lunch Lady herself) for the unforgivable crime of keeping kids away from their beloved cupcakes and cookies. Fans will love it.

Response to Two Professional Reviews:

An entertaining component of the Lunch Lady series, this mysterious piece provides just the right amount of suspense and entertainment for young readers. Because the characters are reoccurring throughout the entire series, students become immediately engaged in the plot and storyline, wasting no time with character or situational introductions. Moreover, the graphic novel includes many detailed and descriptive picture boxes,

aiding young readers in comprehension of the piece.

Evaluation of Literary Elements:

Illustrated with a variety of sketches and pictures, Krosoczka's piece is fun and entertaining for young readers. However, even though each page includes only a few sentences, the conversation bubbles are randomly placed and make the reading direction sometimes difficult to decipher. However, the ongoing dialogue and low-level vocabulary make the text easy to read and appropriate for early readers.

Consideration of Instructional Application: (3-4 sentences in your own words)

Evidently, this series could be implemented in a classroom for instructional purposes regarding graphic novel reading. However, the dialogue component of this piece could also be used for teaching and exploration. Students could transcribe familiar and already-read books into a graphic novel format, converting all storylines into dialogue-based plots. With this approach, students will become familiar with the logistic format of a graphic novel, but also the writing skill associated with such.

Chris says

Totally amusing and fun!

Kari says

Who would have thought that their lunch lady (or gentleman) was a superhero on the side? The principal at Thompson Brook has organized a bake sale to raise funds for a field trip to a generic museum. On the day of the sale, all of the goodies go missing. In this fifth part of the series, Lunch Lady must catch the Bake Sale Bandit with the help of her sidekick Betty and the Breakfast Bunch. The premise of having a lunch lady for a superhero presents a comical, non-traditional twist to the genre. The black, white, gray, and yellow color scheme works well in this action packed graphic novel. The writing and subject matter is far from top-notch, but kids will find the plots humorous and the school environment familiar as they daydream about ways in which everyday life can be overtaken by scary bus driver villains.

Rachel says

Bahaha oh, that crazy bus driver :)
