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In these four stories the Queen is coming to visit Horrid Henry's school, he tries to hypnotise Moody Margaret, he tricks Perfect Peter into doing his household chores and Horrid Henry has a bath.

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Shereil says

This book was really quite relevant as I read it as part of my narrative topic coming up to the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Henry is angry that Perfect Peter will meet the Queen instead of him and tricks him into doing lots of silly things like pulling rude faces and gestures. The children were really engrossed by this story and loved the imagery used. They were excited about the mention of the Queen and were happy to correct the actions of Henry if they should meet the Queen themselves. I thought the book was a little risky at times because the children could be led into a false sense of belief that it is alright to act as Henry does. For example when he does not want to take a bath at the beginning of this four part book, there is a lack of consequences for his poor behaviour. However, I did enjoy the fact that many children who are perhaps targeted as the 'naughty' children could use these books to identify with Henry at times. Overall the children enjoyed the book and many of them already were familiar with the characters which provided further joy.

Zeenat says

This book is part of the very famous series of Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon. Henry is always up to no good and is getting into trouble by his parents and teachers. He also has a younger brother called Perfect Peter who is the total opposite to Henry. Henry does not like Peter being praised for everything he does and therefore annoys him.

In this particular story Perfect Peter has been given the opportunity to meet the queen at school which Henry dislikes. He also wants to meet the queen and ask her how many TV's she has. Seeing Peter practice annoys Henry so he offers to help. However Horrid Henry's help is not very helpful as he tells Peter to courtesy when he sees the queen and put his thumb on his nose wriggle his fingers. Henry also tells Peter that the queen can take him to the tower and chop his head off if he does not do what Henry has showed him. Poor Peter gets very nervous on the actual day when he meets the queen that he does what Horrid Henry had told him to! Horrid Henry also does more mischievous acts to find out how many TV's the queen has.

Horrid Henry is not only famous as a book but as a TV programme which children from the age of 4 watch and enjoy. The book itself can be read independently by children of seven years of age and over, so from year 3. This particular story can be used in classrooms to enable children to write letters to the queen with their choice of questions they would like to ask.

Aimee says

Horrid Henry gets chosen to give the queen flowers and has to show some manners..... Good luck Henry

Charlotte Stevens says

Horrid Henry Meets the Queen sees the Queen visit Henry's school. However, much to Henry's dismay his brother Perfect Peter is chosen by Mrs Battle-Axe to greet her on behalf of the school. All Henry wants to do is ask the Queen how many TV's she has! In his annoyance Henry winds up his brother about his meeting with royalty only to confuse him when the real meet and greet happens. In his determination to ask the Queen his dying question, in typical Henry fashion he finds a way to get noticed, in the most unusual way! /much to the dismay of her Majesty!!

I love the Horrid Henry series and think Henry is a great loveable character which many children can relate to. With similarities to other famous 'naughty' characters such as Dennis the Menace, Mini the Minx and Just William, it brings me back straight to my own childhood! I love the link to history in this book which creates a good opportunity to take a glimpse into Tudor royalty. There is a lot of suspense throughout the story which makes it a great page turner as we know Henry is about to do something wrong, it's just anticipating what that will be!

The Early Reader series create a great transition children to move away from picture books as it does contain a lot of detailed illustrations within the story, but it looks like a reading book and has a lot more text. For this reason I feel that the book would be particularly suitable for upper KS1 and lower KS2 children to read independently for pleasure which would encourage them to feel a sense of achievement when completing the book. As it is part of the Horrid Henry series it would appeal to children and could help capture their enjoyment of reading, wanting to read more in the series with the ambition to move on to the more detailed Horrid Henry stories. This book could also be read during story time and would link very nicely to history, as a starting point or initial assessment of the children about 'The Tudors'. In literacy children could partake in a hot seating activity to discuss how they would feel meeting the Queen and could even write a letter asking her questions or inviting her to their school.

Kevin Gilfillan says

Ben says 5 stars because it's so good!

Mariam Aboot says

If I'm not mistaken, I think this was the first book I ever bought independently. A very funny read, and I have a lot of fond memories associated with this book. Possibly my favourite Horrid Henry book, but it's definitely in my top three. It's a contender, a wonderful book for all ages.

Joe Cleary says

i only like the book cos i think the queen is a kool kid

Anessa says

henry is really horrible!:(

Pipa Guest says

Henry gets up to his tricks again when the Queen visits his school.

Charlie says

I love this book because each chapter is easier to think about than other stories. **EACH STORY DESERVES 5 SOLID STARS!**

This is one of the best books ever!

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Seungmin says

short but fun

Adrian Buck says

My 8yo was delighted this celebration of bad(dish) behavior, but I was disappointed with the tremendously poor value for money this book represented. A slim volume for six quid, containing four stories, each consisting of so few words so widely spaced I thought it might have been intended as a early-readers text. The narrative was so thin it often read more like a screenplay than a story.

I was also a bit disconcerted about the abuse Queenie gets: Rotten Johnny a predecessor of Horrid Henry?

Krishan Nanda says

This book is nice beacse it has many jokes that he makes keeps on asking the queen how many tv sets she has and give him one.

Francesca Simon

Tracey says

Horrid Henry does it again - I just love these stories about Henry. The queen is coming to the school and Perfect Peter has been given the task of greeting the queen and giving her flowers. Henry does not like this idea and claiming to assist Peter with this honour - goes about confusing Peter with some hilarious results. I am glad that I am not the queen or the teachers at the school with what Henry gets up to. The kids in my class loved this story and were horrified that Henry could be so disrespectful - horaay, teacher objective achieved.

Rumena Khatun says

This book is perfect for the Jubilee celebrations. In the story, The Queen is about to visit Henry's school and as usual perfect Peter is chosen to welcome the Queen. But whenever Henry's around there is bound to be trouble. Henry is a lovable rogue who children can relate to who has fun and outrageous adventures.
