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The stakes have never been higher, and you've never seen squeegees do this before! It is a wild and slightly unsanitary ride as Spencer, Daisy, and the rebels find themselves chased by Mr. Clean's new and terrifying breed of toxite the Sweepers. Time is short. With the fabled Manualis Custodem in hand, Spencer must figure out how to summon the founding witches if they ever hope to mop up and save education.

What critics are saying about Janitors:

"An enormously entertaining book." Orson Scott Card

"An entertaining ruckus." Kirkus Reviews

"Action-packed and surprising! Readers will become convinced of the value of telling the truth, while having a lot of fun along the way." Publishers Weekly

"Entertaining . . . with plenty of twists and turns." Brandon Mull, author of Fablehaven and Beyonders series

## **Strike of the Sweepers Details**

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# **From Reader Review Strike of the Sweepers for online ebook**

## **Heather says**

An audiobook narrated by the author? Tyler Whitesides can not only write, but he has more than one voice! Mr. Garcia with rolling “r’s” and the middle school bully Dez are just two of the characters portrayed in Janitors #4. My children adore this series. We listened to it to and from school and once again were not disappointed in the action packed, middle grade magic. In installment #4 Spencer and his crew and fighting a hybrid race of “toxites” and the evil Mr. Clean. Armed with glop, brooms and squeegees the war is on!

If you haven’t read the rest of the Janitors series, start with book one and then get to book four around Halloween time. The tone and music is perfect for a suspenseful read with witches and warlocks. Tyler Whitesides know how to reel in this family and I’m sure he will yours!

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## **Reading is my Escape says**

"In five minutes," Walter said, "I'm going to use this squeegee to open a portal to New Forest Academy. We're going to move in and apprehend Director Carlos Garcia."  
Spencer's surprised look mirrored Daisy's. Penny looked excited, and Alan simply nodded.  
"Tonight we finish what we almost did last November," Alan said. "We're taking the warlock's hammer and nail."

This is book 4 in the Janitor's series by Tyler Whitesides. The series follows the adventures of Spencer and Daisy, two elementary school students who discover that education is in danger. The threat comes in the form of toxites, monstrous creatures who take away the students' ability to concentrate and learn. The people charged with protecting the students from these creatures are the janitors. They use a magic substance called glop to turn janitorial tools and supplies into weapons against or protection from the toxites.

Throughout the series, the kids join forces with the janitors to try to defeat the toxites and various enemies, including the Bureau of Educational Maintenance (who used to be the good guys). This book continues the exciting adventure with more twists and turns. Every time I think I finally know exactly who the bad guys are and exactly who to trust, there is another twist.

I read this entire series with my son, who is now in 6th grade. We started the series when the book was nominated for a Sunshine State Readers award in the 2013-2014 school year. He really loves the story and is always anxious for the next book to come out.

Recommended to:

Middle readers, in grades 5-8 and their parents. There is some loss experienced in this series and a lot of scary situations that kept us on the edge of our seats. If your child likes adventures and twists and turns in their stories, they should enjoy these books.

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## **Kevin says**

Another good book in the series. This one takes the Janitors all over the place to get everything ready to bring back the witches. We finally get a good look at Mr. Clean and the reappearance of an old friend. It has quite a few twists and turns that I didn't really expect, so I liked the surprises. It's going to be interesting to see how things work out in the next book.

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### **Carson Graves says**

Very good book.

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### **Shauna says**

THIS SERIES CONTINUES TO AMAZE AND ENTERTAIN!  
SO. SO. SO. FUN!

Join Spencer, Daisy, Dez and the other rebels as they battle with Mr. Clean's "new and terrifying breed of toxite-- the Sweepers."

Travel through portals~  
Battle TP mummies~  
Ride in Big Bertha~  
And see what happens when a janitor gets glopified~

Can Spencer protect the Manualis Custodem and find the founding witches before it is too late?

This is a book for the WHOLE FAMILY!

It's a wild and often messy ride,  
but leave it to Tyler Whitesides to make garbage so FUN :)

I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this series!  
A FUN READ!  
DON'T MISS OUT~ THIS ONE IS WORTH IT!

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### **Anthony says**

Great book. Fun, captivating, innovative. Very simple novel, but the imagination keeps me entranced. Finished the last half of the book in one night.

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### **Kimberly says**

This was a great way to make reading an adventure and I really liked it.

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## **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

I am always excited to see a new Janitors book come out. This is the fourth book in the series and it isn't over yet! Tyler Whitesides writes with imagination and creativity. Every book I say to myself, "how does he come up with this stuff?!"

These are middle grade books and some of the best I've ever come across. If you have a reluctant reader, this might be a good series to perk their interest. I actually think this series would be awesome read aloud. If my kids were younger, this is the one I'd be reading them.

In this book, my favorite things were the squeegees that when rubbed on glass create a portal to get from one place to another. I can think of a lot of people I would love to squeegee with! To be able to travel home to see my parents with the swipe of a squeegee would be awesome!! The other thing I loved was the Thingamajunk. I think I want one of those.

My favorite quote is found on page 92. "Because victory will come to those who fight for what is right. It won't come without its fair share of pain and suffering. No victory comes without sacrifice. But it will come. We just have to stay the course."

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## **Spencer R. says**

Spencer and his group of rebel janitors have found a way to destroy all toxicites. They are going to bring back the founding witches. The founding witches are the creators of all toxicites. Although, with the BEM's new breed of half toxicites half humans called sweepers, the journey only gets harder. Finally, with all of the ingredients Spencer and Walter (Spencer's mentor) opened up the portal to the witches. After the witches emerged Spencer and Walter soon found out that the witches were on the BEM's side all along. Before Spencer knew it, a BEM sweeper killed Walter. Spencer and the group of rebels barely escaped the witches and Spencer knew that whatever he would do, he would do for Walter.

The theme of the book "Janitors: Strike of the Sweepers" by Tyler Whitesides is in order to do the right thing, there are sacrifices. In the book, Walter dies even though he was trying to do the right thing. This really shows that there are sacrifices because he died. It also shows that there are different levels of sacrifice. This one was a huge sacrifice and really left an impact on the characters. After Walter died, all of the characters acted way more depressed and sad. In conclusion, the theme of the book "Janitors: Strike of the Sweepers" by Tyler Whitesides is to do the right thing, sacrifices have to be made.

Overall, I really liked this book. The one thing that really made it stand out from the other ones was the sad ending. I felt like it really made you want to connect more with the characters. It actually made me go home, pick up the next book, and read. For the most part, I think it is the best book in the series and is a good book for people who like suspense.

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## ♠? Tabi ♠? says

O.o is...is that...DEZ on the cover????

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## Jaxon Hill says

### Exposition:

- They find someone to translate the Manualis Custodem
- When they are figuring things out they get ambushed
- Have to keep the book safe as they go out in search of the other two nails

### Rising Action:

- Walter gets rehired as head janitor
- Get Garcia's nail and hammer after having a huge battle
- Go to the BEM lab where they get ambushed and only Dez, Spencer, and Daisy make it out
- Save Walter from the vortex and almost get killed
- Devise a plan to save the others

### Climax:

- Huge battle in the BEM lab
- They have to go back for the last nail
- The lab starts to flood
- They barely make it out

### Falling Action:

- They have all of the nails and get back to Welcher
- Right when they get back they make the Glop formula
- They get ambushed and the witches turn out to be the ones behind New Forest Academy all along
- The witches kill Walter to get the nails back, but Spencer takes them and runs away

### Resolution:

- They get away from the witches and BEM and hide the nails so that nobody can find them

### Figurative Language:

- Red as a tomato
- Slimy like a frog
- Black like night
- Sludge like mud

### Like:

- Spencer stays an Auran and has the abilities of the Dark Aurans
- Spencer uses his abilities a bit more
- There are Sweepers

### Dislike:

- The witches are evil
- When sweepers are hurt they become blind
- They want to destroy glop

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**Erica J says**

DEZ!!!!!!!!!! Why do you always have to oppose everyone else? They have a better sense of judgement than you, but just because you're a sweeper now, doesn't mean you are invincible. Just watch, you're going to end up either dead or blind.

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**Katelyn says**

This was an amazing book filled with even more action and adventure than the last 3! I loved it and want to see how the rest of Spencer's journey plays out in book 5. I'm still happy I picked this series out for a spin!

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**Samuel Whitaker says**

Loved it!

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**Anna Field says**

PLOT TWIST at the end! Didn't see that coming.

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