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Bertie has shockingly dirty habits, from nose picking to weeing on the flowerbed! Whenever Bertie does anything dirty, Bertie's family shouts at him! Will Bertie ever kick his horrible habits?

## **Dirty Bertie Details**

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## From Reader Review Dirty Bertie for online ebook

### Storywraps says

Just look at that cover. Just look at that face. Not particularly one that is endearing especially if what he is engaged in has anything to do with it. But the reality is....kids do all sorts of things that are kind of disgusting and yukky, but we as parents go ahead and love them anyway....love them unconditionally, and it is our job to teach them the rights and wrongs of life as we pass through it together.

Bertie is a little guy who loves to explore, taste his world, copy-cat those around him and experience things that he bumps into. He finds a lollipop on the ground and he picks it up and licks it. He gets down beside his dog and together they eat the dog's food out of his bowl. Yum! He scrounges around in the garden dirt picking up slugs and bugs to have as his friends and he imitates his cat who pees in the flower garden. When his dog gives him a big sloppy kiss up the side of his face, he licks his dog back resulting in a very, very furry tongue. He is a mischievous little boy without being bad. He is very much a "Dennis the Menace" character, engaging in life but not knowing his engagement can be offensive to others.

His family members, and those around him, are grossed out and he constantly hears, "No Bertie!" "That's dirty Bertie!" He manages to conquer all his bad habits except one. If you study the cover of the book you might just be able to guess which one. This book is very interactive and has many "yuks" and "bleughs" throughout. It gives lots of opportunity for you to discuss proper manners and hygiene and what is acceptable to become a couth, respectable little citizen of our planet. The illustrations are cartoonish, adorable and very, very expressive. I love them and I love Bertie too (even tho' he needs a bit of a tweaking). Your kids will laugh and think the wit and humour is delightful. For some reason these kind of antics tickle their funny bones. The illustrations and text bring this book alive and work perfectly together. The paper book comes with a CD that has a great song that explains the story. It will have your kids singing along with a huge smile on their faces.

Please don't be offended by the story and little Bertie. Have fun, laugh and know that kids are kids and they need our expert advice to teach and correct them, and tell them what is acceptable behaviour in life. Trust me, kids will think this book is a real hoot! I know the little kid in me did. Enjoy!

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### Annika De says

Am I now adding children's books that I've read to my students because I'm extremely behind on my Goodreads goal and starting to panic? You betcha!

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### Abdulaziz Alfadl says

It's my FAVORITE BOOK! 100\100

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### **Rav Leen says**

Awesome lil bit yucky but bertie is a hero ! lol

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### **Jennie says**

This book is hilarious and children love it! Bertie is a little boy with dirty habits, he eats sweets off the floor, he licks the dogs face and wees on the flowerbed! The pictures are very funny and the repetitive nature of the story means that the children can join in with 'no Bertie, that's dirty Bertie!'

I found that this book engaged children that had difficulty listening and sitting nicely at circles times as the story is so funny!

This is a good book to use with young children when thinking and talking about good hygiene linking to PSED and PD. Children can relate to this story as they probably have carried out some of his dirty habits! A great story that I would use with children from Nursery up to KS1.

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### **Shirley Revill says**

Loved by children both big and small. A firm favourite on my bookshelf.

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### **Elma Branigan says**

Dirty Bertie

A book which I find children thoroughly enjoy is "Dirty Bertie". When reading this book to children, they love the idea of getting involved in the story. There is repetition throughout the book where the children get the opportunity to reply "No, Bertie! That's dirty Bertie!"

This book allows the reader to see all of Bertie's dirty habits exposed. Some of them include Bertie picking his nose, Bertie eating candy off the floor and Bertie licking the dog. In response to all of Bertie's dirty habits, his family reply "No Bertie! That's dirty Bertie!" After reading this story children realise that these habits are dirty and are often encouraged not to carry out such habits. This book is sure to have young readers laughing out loud from start to finish.

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### **Karen Hammond says**

Bertie is a dirty little boy who picks up sweets from the floor and eats them, eats dog food and licks his dog, all in all he has lots of bad habits! However he learns to curb most of his bad habits, when the sweets make

him ill or he get a hairy tongue from the dog, but there is one disgusting habit he cant break! Im sure you can all guess what this is!

This book is a great book for classroom interaction as it has lots of bright and vivid pictures of Bertie and his bad habits and lots of 'yuk' and 'bleugh!' words that children can be encouraged to join in with. The book also comes with a CD that has a very expressive song explaining the story, which is also interactive, and fun for children to sing along to. I think its a funny book, loved by children as its slightly irreverent, but also has an important message about manners.

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### **Leanne Proctor says**

Such a funny book. Pupils loved this book because the pictures were so funny. Read as a class, Dirty Bertie is about a little boy who is just....dirty! I'm sure you will not be able to finish this book without laughing. It really shows small children what bad habits you should not have.

A good addition to your book corner but beware, you will hear giggles!

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### **Steven says**

A really nice book for early readers, very good humoured. An easy reading with lots or repetitive language to empower those who lack confidence. Great use of the ordinary with a funny spin, the text is well laid out and the graphics are attractive. I will recommend this book in the future to any child from 3-10 with limited reading confidence or ability.

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### **AD says**

Kids will love the gross humour in this picture book about Bertie and all the dirty habits his family have tried to stop him from.

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### **Jo Ann says**

Gross and soo funny.

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### **Zahara says**

Bertie has very horrible habits, He likes to pick is nose and eat it along with other disgusting habits! His family want him to stop these horrible habits and set out to teach him but will Bertie learn?

An extremely funny story abut hygiene. This book was found in nursery and I used it as part of story time and the children thoroughly enjoyed it and wanted to hear it over and over. It has a great message for hygiene and can be related to all children of all ages.

Pictures are very vibrant and have a lot of details which allow children to talk about what they see.

A must have book for the classroom!

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### **Maria says**

A risota que é lá em casa quando lemos este livro sobre os hábitos pouco recomendados deste menino que em português se chama João (nome do meu filho mais velho...) sendo que o final é perfeitamente nojento!!!!  
Não encontrei a capa da versão portuguesa

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### **Cynthia Housianitis says**

Picture Book Project

Category: Picture Book Soak ("Cannot Wait to Use With Students")

Source: Princess Anne Public Library

Dirty Bertie, written by David Roberts, describes the disgusting habits of little Bertie. This young boy loves to explore the world around him without the care of his personal hygiene. He picks up slugs and bugs, pees in a garden, eats food off the floor, and picks his nose – that is just the start of it. His family members and those around him are grossed out by his actions as he constantly hears “No, Bertie! That’s dirty, Bertie!” Not knowing that his engagement can be offensive to others, Bertie’s behavior allows the reader to be interactive with the many uncouth things throughout the story.

The cartoonish illustrations are of very high quality and expression, which are combined with inherent humor and consistency. Although these illustrations can be a little gross when read by an adult, young readers can surely relate.

Through the repetition of sayings in this picture book, teachers can use this picture book in a health setting in order to teach young students about the battle between germs and soap. By joining along, students can understand the importance of acceptable manners and hygiene.

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