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Jimmy's boa constrictor wreaks havoc on the class trip to a farm.

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Kathy says

A fun children's book to read. Reminds me a little of if you give a mouse a cookie and the adventures kids seems to have.

❀Aimee❀ Just one more page... says

Fun story told backwards... the way a parent has to keep asking their child for more and more info to understand the entire story. I always love Steven Kellogg's brilliant illustrations.

Laura says

This book is great, apart from the wonderful story, because it tells the story backwards, in the form of the daughter recounting what happened to her mother, and because the illustrations are part of the story. I recommend to anyone with children or who, like me, has never lost her love for children's stories.

Lucy says

The kid is currently in a Boa phase and wants to read this and only this before bed.

Kate says

This is a quirky children's book. A child comes home from a school trip to a farm, and when asked how the trip was, regales her mother with stories of the remarkable misadventures that the class gets up to

Kristin Nelson says

Not sure how I missed this one when I was younger. I even knew it was a Reading Rainbow book, but I guess I didn't really watch that show. I'm glad I had the chance to read it now. A funny story with some terrific illustrations!

Ashleigh Best says

"The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" is a unique piece of literature. This book describes a young child's field trip to the farm. In the child's explanation, she tells a story about a cow crying, pigs eating the students' lunches on the bus, Jimmy's boa constrictor eating the wash, and many other interesting elements. Obviously, it is very unlikely for these events to occur like they were described in the story. This book, as a result, displays how a child's mind can work and how their imagination can be extremely creative. This book is unique and would be a great addition to any children's library.

Yamile Méndez says

Super fun structure. Great story.

Relyn says

I love, love, love this book! I can not say enough good about it. It's perfect for second graders - so engaging, so funny. I am sure it would be that way for lots of grades, but I happen to teach second. I used it to teach predicting with my kids. You know, good readers predict all the time. And, when they find out their prediction wasn't correct, they take what they've learned and make a new prediction. This book is PERFECT for that, especially the second mini-lesson. No one, and I do mean, no one can predict the way this loony narrator's mind works. A fantastic, funny, endlessly engaging book.

Dolly says

This is a crazy story that is funny to read aloud. The trip to the farm becomes a hectic, silly event all when Jimmy's boa gets loose.

Our girls enjoyed this story very much. I loved the backward, roundabout way the little girl tells the story and the illustrations are fun, too.

Ronyell says

"The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" is a truly hilarious story from the creative mind of Trinka Hakes Noble along with illustrations by Steven Kellogg and it is about a girl's wild adventures at the field trip to the farm. "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" is definitely one of the most memorable books about farm adventures ever written that many children will enjoy for years!

Trinka Hakes Noble has done an excellent job at writing this story as it details a girl's adventures at the farm. Trinka Hakes Noble writes the story in a creative and hilarious way as the book's narration is set up as a dialogue between the girl and her mother, which helps children see the close interaction between the girl and her mother and seeing the story from their perspective instead of through a third person point of view meaning that there is an actual narrator narrating this story. Trinka Hakes Noble's writing is also hilarious as

the girl details her adventures at the farm in a cause and effect fashion as each catastrophic event leads to another. Steven Kellogg's illustrations are both hilarious and beautiful at the same time as the children always have a smile on their faces and the antics that are caused by the release of Jimmy's pet boa constrictor is drawn in a chaotic way as the children and the teacher have wild looking hair and wild expressions as a peaceful trip to the farm takes a turn for the worse.

"The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" is a brilliant and hilarious book for children who enjoy reading about the farm and love crazy adventures and will be a favorite among many children for years. I would recommend this book to children ages four and up since there is nothing inappropriate about this book.

Review is also on: Rabbit Ears Book Blog

Erin *Proud Book Hoarder* says

Cute, fun kids book! This easy but different enough story should interest children because of the small tensions and the humorous antics of the characters. Recommended if you have a young one.

Shannon says

THIS IS A GOOD 'UN!

Diane says

A class field trip to a farm turns chaotic as the students throw eggs at one another, the pigs eat the students' lunches on the bus and Jimmy's pet boa constrictor upsets the chickens and the farmer's wife.

Good story to discuss dialogue. Also, the idea of how things build gradually - information released a little at a time.

Sara Andrews says

"The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash" is definitely an original book. The storyline is told in a backwards progression, as well as a cause and effect. The pictures convey absolute utter chaos. The illustrations make it almost impossible to turn the page to continue reading because you feel like you might miss something hilarious happening in the scene.

The story is about a little girl telling her mother in a matter-of-fact sort of way about her field trip to the farm

that day. It starts out with something completely outrageous; a haystack falling over on a cow. With every answer to her mother's questions even more questions arise. "What were the pigs doing on the school bus? Why were they eating your lunches? Why were you throwing corn?" The little girl continues to answer her mother's questions only leaving her mother more confused by the situation.

I would definitely use this book in 4th or 5th grade. Even though the storyline is a bit juvenile for that age group but is a wonderful teaching tool and example of writing dialog. As a reader, you are able to hear the characters' voices and vividly see a conversation taking place before your eyes.
