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Junie B. Jones And A Little Monkey Business (Junie B. Jones, No. 2)



Synopsis

Barbara Park's New York Times bestselling chapter book series, Junie B. Jones, is a classroom favorite and has been keeping kids laughing and reading for more than twenty years. Over 60 million copies in print and now with a bright new look for a new generation! Meet the World's Funniest Kindergartner Junie B. Jones! In the second Junie B. Jones book, it's poeey on B-A-B-I-E-S until Junie B. finds out that her new dumb old baby brother is a big fat deal. Her two bestest friends are giving her everything they own just to see him. And guess what else? Maybe she can bring him to school on Pet Day. USA Today: Junie B. is the darling of the young-reader set. Publishers Weekly: Park convinces beginning readers that Junie B. and reading are lots of fun. Kirkus Reviews: Junie's swarms of young fans will continue to delight in her unique take on the world. . . . A hilarious, first-rate read-aloud. Time: Junie B. Jones is a feisty six-year-old with an endearing penchant for honesty.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

There seems to be a debate whether these books are appropriate for young children. This is my first Junie B. book (I had been reluctant to try them due to the debate). While I see both sides, I come down squarely in favor of them, if they are read with a parent or teacher. First, they are very 'real' --

Junie B. talks and thinks like a real six-year-old. Second, they are very, very funny -- for children and adults. Third, they provide teaching moments for the adult to discuss Junie's conduct and feelings -- and by extension the child's feelings. (I used this story as a vehicle to discuss my four-year-old's frustration with her two-year-old brother's conduct.) But there are some downsides. First, the grammar is too 'real' -- it is how real six-year-olds talk. Since I am reading to my four-year-old, I edit the text as I read to clean up some of the grammar. Even if I did not, my daughter's grammar is not going to be harmed by Junie B. Second, Junie B. is not a model six-year-old -- and who is? Nevertheless, an adult should discuss with the child times when Junie B. acts inappropriately. My daughter and I also read Magic Treehouse Magic Tree House Series Books: Night of the Ninjas / Dolphins At Daybreak / Polar Bears Past Bedtime / Tonight on the Titanic / Magic Tree House Research Guide: Rain Forests (Unboxed Set of MARY POPE OSBORNE Magic TreeHouse Books, # 5, 9, 12, 17 + 1 Research Guide) and Geronimo Stilton The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid (Geronimo Stilton, No. 2) books. My daughter likes all three series. I am bored to tears with the Magic Treehouse (and frankly dislike the messages in some of the books). My favorite is Geronimo Stilton -- I love the high quality paper, pictures, and text; the stories are funny and engaging.

Page 10 "Because of her big fat stomach - which is where the stupid baby is." Page 11 "And anyway, I don't even know its stupid dumb name." Just a few examples of the words your child will be reading if you purchase this book. This character was quoted as being simply hilarious. Seriously? And we wonder why children are so rude, self centered and have no respect for any authoritative figure. The character in this book is not funny, she is an obnoxious brat!

Junie b is delightful for my daughter and I to read as an intro to chapter books. She's 5, I do find myself using junie b. As an example of how not to behave, and my daughter is able to understand that we don't act like her, but she still finds it funny. I enjoy discussing why the characters do what they do. We read this in about a week, my daughter is able to read most of the words and it's increased her stamina for reading.

I was terribly offended by this book. I got it for my 6yr old daughter, because she told me they were reading it in school. I assumed it was a good book, but boy was I surprised! The language used by the main character & others was in no way appropriate for children of any age. The constant use of the words "stupid" & "dumb" & calling classmates "cry-baby boy" & "big fat Jim" & Junie B. thinking

she could beat up a classmate & a classmate saying her father was not a real potatoe, while the nana calls him a couch potatoe, but "he is just a lazy bum." I found this book crude & disrespectful. There will be no more in my home & I have already spoken to the school about stopping the use of them in school. Our school has a "bully-free" program & this book totally contradicts that program. All they seem to do in this book is bully, make fun of & call names.

I grew up with Ramona, so I am okay with mischief. This book is too much. I was reading this to my 5-year-old, and I did not like the content, grammar, or language. The grammar is a wreck, which makes reading difficult and may produce bad grammar in children. Also, the language includes things that my 5-year-old is not allowed to say: stupid, dumb, hate, fat. Junie is defiant and downright rude to her parents, friends, and teacher. She makes her friends give her stuff to see her baby brother, and she is a complete brat. There is also fighting (kicking), which is not something I want to expose my daughter to. I will not be reading or allowing my daughter to read any more Junie B Jones books.

We were disappointed within the first few pages. As other reviews have shared the language is rude and inappropriate. We had to spend far too much time trying to substitute the words dumb, idiot and other assorted insults as well as correcting bad grammar. Not impressed. Perhaps the authors intent is to engage parents and children to see the lessons of Judie's rude behavior? This is the first and last of the series we will read. I'm not looking for tooth-achingly sweet stories and understand a dose of real life is good for kids. However, the level of disrespectful behavior in this, our first and last Junie B. book, was shocking.

My 6 year old read it cover to cover several times in the first week. She read it to me and I enjoyed the story! I couldn't wait to see what kind of mischief Junie B got into. My daughter begged for more Junie B books to read. I didn't have to ask her to read, she willingly did it on her own. Great book!

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