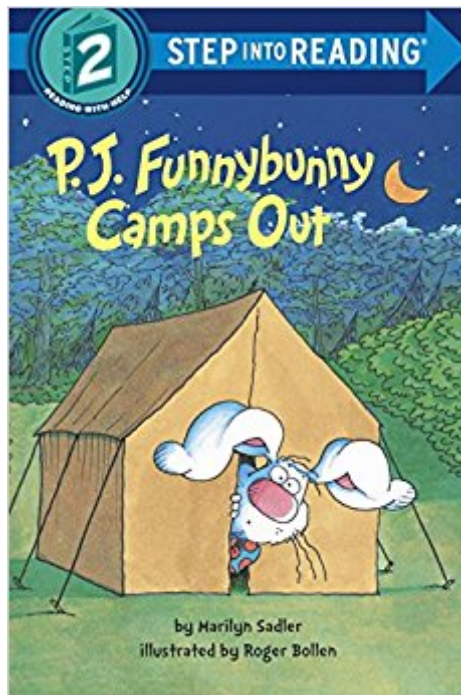




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P. J. Funnybunny Camps Out (Step Into Reading)



Synopsis

Illus. in full color. Camping is not for girls, right? At least, that's what P.J. and his pals tell Donna and Honey Bunny when they want to tag along on a camping trip. But when two mysterious ghosts frighten the boys all the way home, only the girls know the real story.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

My son has had this book for several years and very much enjoys it. This delightful story follows a bow-tie wearing P.J. Funnybunny as he and his three friends--Ritchie the raccoon, Buzz the beaver and Potts the pig--set out to go on a camping trip. P.J.'s sister, Honey Bunny, asks if she and her friend Donna Duck can come along. "Camping is not for girls", P.J. lectures. The rest of the story shows all the "hard" work that P.J. and friends experience as they establish their camp. P.J. even tells a campfire story so scary that he frightens HIMSELF! Then, two "ghosts" appear--scaring the beeggeezus out of the boys...who then run home. But, when P.J.'s mom ask what happened--they all lie. But Honey Bunny and Donna know what happened! In addition to being a clever story, P.J. Funnybunny provides a great opportunity for parents to discuss the topic of lying with their children--not to mention gender equality! This book is a Step 2 "Step Into Reading" book by Random House and is geared towards 5-6 year olds. (I have more recent Step 2 books and this one seems a

bit more complex/longer than recent Step 2 books.) Step 2 books tend to have basic vocabulary, short sentences and simple plot lines. So, it's a good book for beginning readers--as well as a good story for bedtime.

We read this book to our grandkids before they camped out in our back yard this summer! P. J. Funnybunny is an awesome first reader for your child and our grands listened for every sound P.J. heard too!

This is a level 2 reading book...it's more on the higher end of the level 2 book so if your child has just merged into level 2 they would have difficulty with this book but a great one to 'keep at it'. PJ Funnybunny is a rabbit that has three other close friends a beaver, raccoon and a pig. They decide in this adventure to go camping. PJ's little sister and her friend want to go along but they say "camping isn't for girls" They have to trek up a big mountain at the top they say that would have been too hard for girls. They continue to put the tent up and get ready to bunk down for the night. PJ tells a ghost story that even scares him...they hear a noise and look out and what do they find?.... a GHOST!!!! TWO GHOST!!! They run back to PJ's house all the while his sister is watching him through the window she and her friend know about the ghost...My almost 3 year old granddaughter giggled at the end when I told her "see the girls knew where the ghost was" it shows a picture of the two girls looking in the window with the white ghost costumes in their hands

I bought a few of these as prize items for a camp-themed party. I wanted to like the theme (spoiler alert) that a group of boys that tells one of their younger sisters that "girls can't camp" get their due and karma wins. And it's a little funny, but I wish it would have shown that the girls could out-camp the boys, rather than scare them and get the boys to run home. Then again, what do you expect from a story about an anthropomorphized group of a bunny, pig, raccoon and beaver going camping. In terms of being a reading level 2, that level seemed on target and this was a pretty easy read for my kindergartner.

At first I thought this book was a little negative for girls because PJ and his friend kept telling his sister and her friends that camping is not for girls. But even my three year old daughter understood that the boys were the ones who did not know what they were doing. The ending allows for discussion on telling the whole truth.

I thought the book would be perfect for our 4 year old grandson, who loves to camp. However he found the book scary and would not even finish reading it, but his Mom told one day he may want to see how the book ends. So be careful that your reader is mature enough for this book.

The reviewer who wrote the review "Very Clever!" summarized the book very well. But I don't agree with the assessment. I bought it for my 2.5 year old who loves the "It isn't easy being a bunny", but I don't like the themes in this one of keeping girls out, saying girls can't do things, and then of ghosts as well! She hadn't learned about ghosts and being scared of them, but now she talks about it quite a bit. She DID want to read the book 3 times in a row....

If my 3-year-old were writing this review, she'd give this book 5 stars; ditto for Honey Bunny Funnybunny by the same author. I kind of hate both books and hope we don't ever come across any others in the series. PJ is a jerk to his sister in both stories, and I guess in this book she "gets even" by scaring him and his friends on their "no girls allowed" camping trip. Like the other book, though, this one is clumsily written, not very imaginative, and just annoys me.

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