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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5-8—Building on the success of *Guys Write for Guys Read* (Viking, 2005), Scieszka continues his mission to take the “reluctant” out of readers with this first volume of the “Guys Read Library.” For this title, Scieszka invited some of today's top writers of children's fiction to contribute a humorous short story. Not surprisingly, the resulting compilation has something for everyone. Looking for a story heavy on the ick-factor? Suggest Jack Gantos's “The Bloody Souvenir,” in which the Pagoda brothers return to wreak more havoc. David Yoo's “A Fistful of Feathers” features a bloodthirsty turkey intent on destroying the narrator's life. Eoin Colfer offers an autobiographical piece that shares how his younger brother was his real-life inspiration for *Artemis Fowl*. Kate DiCamillo and Scieszka team up to offer a hilarious correspondence between Joe and an author who knows how to hold her own with unmotivated students. While these shorter stories may not have the liveliness of the authors' full novels, each one is solid, and more importantly, it offers an introduction to that author's style and voice. Don't be surprised if students come seeking longer works by David Lubar, Christopher Paul Curtis, and other contributors after sampling them in this collection. Scieszka promises future volumes featuring other genres, among them nonfiction, sports, and action/adventure. *Kim Dare, Fairfax County Public Schools, VA*

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From [Booklist](#)

Starred Review The funny fellow (Jon Scieszka) with the impressive title (Emeritus National Ambassador for Children's Literature) presents a collection of 10 humorous (you were expecting tragedy?) stories by some leading lights in literature for young readers. This is the first volume of the promised official Guys Read library, which is named for Scieszka's well-known Web site, designed, like this book, to encourage boys to read. And what better way to start than with this collection of howlers by the likes of Eoin Colfer, David Lubar, Christopher Paul Curtis, and other yuk-inducing luminaries. Standouts include Kate DiCamillo (the lone female among the authors) and editor Scieszka's charmer of a story in letters between a famous author named Maureen O'Toole and a boy named Joe; David Yoo's wacky, laugh-out-loud story about a disappointed father and an evil turkey; and from the diabolical imagination of Jack Gantos, a cautionary tale about dangerous friends and rusty pliers. A must-have collection for the boys in your library—and while you're at it, get a copy for the girls, too! Grades 4-7. --Michael Cart

Review

Utterly dude worthy. (Kirkus)

A must-have collection for the boys in your library—and while you're at it, get a copy for the girls, too! (Booklist (starred review))

Future volumes will cover such genres as nonfiction, science fiction, mystery, and sports. If they're as good as this one, boys--and girls--are in for a treat. (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

Funny Business, sets the bar high....Will have readers laughing as they turn the pages. (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Angela Caves:

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Gregory Mendoza:

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