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Editorial Review

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Kindergarten-Grade 3-To counter the rules of his parents, sister, teacher, and even the crossing guard, Grody makes up a few of his own, such as "Rule Number One": "Don't get up in the morning. You're just going to have to go to bed again at night!" Best known as the illustrator of Jack Gantos's "Rotten Ralph" series (Houghton), Rubel brings the same kid-friendly sensibilities to the artwork here, incorporating markers, colored pencils, watercolor, fabric, fabric paint, and photographs. An inset on each spread shows the authority figure and rule that the pup is protesting, and the pictures are replete with humorous hyperbole. The point won't be lost on kids when, for example, Grody goes flying through the air because of "Rule Number Nine": "Always run down the stairs instead of walking. It saves time"; or employs his own dish-washing technique in "Rule Number Twelve": "Don't wash dirty dishes when you can lick them clean!" The final spread shows the effects of following the dog's rules, from "very dirty ears" to "unpleasant body odor." A true child-pleaser.

Kathleen Kelly MacMillan, Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia

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K-Gr. 2. Grody, the slovenly antihero of Rubel's latest effort, more than lives up to his name. By blissfully ignoring the usual regulations (delivered on each page by significant relatives and adults) to follow his own set of anti-rules (writ like commandments on each spread), Grody becomes such a revolting slob that no one would ever want to be like him. Thus, *Grody* succeeds as both a humorous example of how not to behave and as a satire of the determinedly cheery world of Richard Scarry et al. Rubel's subversive collage-ink-and-wash illustrations offer a twisted, psychedelic view of suburbia that will draw peals of laughter for its sheer grossness ("Rule number twelve: Don't wash dishes when you can lick them clean"). But for all his outrageousness, Grody is not nearly as likable as the cat Rotten Ralph, and the story lacks the tension that would have given it more humor and bite. Instead, Grody is just, well, grody. Children may secretly admire his dedication to grossness even as they determine not to be like him, but at the same time, they may wonder about the conflict between his bad behavior and the rule-bound drudgery suggested by Rubel's adult world.

Tim Arnold

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NICOLE RUBEL has illustrated more than fifty books for children, including the Rotten Ralph series by Jack Gantos, which has been in print for more than twenty years. She lives in Oregon.

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