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Captain Awesome To The Rescue!



Synopsis

>Now readers between the ages of five and seven can read chapter books tailor-made for a younger level of reading comprehension. Heavily illustrated with large type, Little Simon's young chapter books let young readers feel like they are reading a "grown-up" format with subject, text, and illustrations geared specifically for their own age groups! Eight-year-old Eugene McGillicuddy is an imaginative boy who loves comic books and superheroes. Eugene also has his very own supersecret superhero alter ego named Captain Awesome. MI-TEE! When the McGillicuddy family relocates to a new town called Sunnyview, Eugene starts a new school, finds a best friend, and even finds time to defend his toys from his two-year-old little sister, Molly! Luckily for Sunnyview, Captain Awesome is there to protect the town (and the universe) from a hilarious cast of comical "bad guys." With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Captain Awesome chapter books are perfect for beginning readers.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

I've read lots of chapter books that were high energy, but sometimes they can be so manic and so hyper that it's hard for a young reader to actually follow the plot and the action. While this book has

great characters and a very good humored vibe the greatest appeal of this series to me is that the story rockets along but is easy to follow every step of the way. We meet the hero and then set up the plot. Eugene is an eight year old self-proclaimed super hero. At a new school he needs to find a sidekick and a partner and he needs to figure out who the most dangerous villains are. Don't know, there are bad guys, alien spies, and danger everywhere you look. The plot is all in Eugene's head and the dangers are all imagined, but that doesn't make them any less entertaining. Then all ends well. And the whole tale is told in a breathless and awesome sort of way. There are no awkward moments; there is no heavy message or agenda beyond encouraging kids to be strong and honest and involved. There is some potty humor but not the crude or insistent kind. No one is mean and the kids in the hero's school class are decent. There is a token mean girl, but she's just a distraction and a running joke. There are real jokes and some funny exchanges that exhibit honest wit and a sly understanding on the author's part of what younger readers like. The story is actually supported and enhanced by the drawings which are in tune with the energy and cheerfulness of the writing.

I bought this book for an adult friend in the military, going through cancer treatments. I thought hey, this would be a great humor therapy injection to lift his spirits. I rolled the dice hoping he would appreciate my sense of humor. The story takes you back to a simpler time when the big challenges were being the new kid in class and surviving cafeteria mystery meat. I loved the superhero theme coupled with an annoying little sister called queen stinky pants for a reason:) So this book is great for the little warriors in your clan or for the grownups who could use a few laughs and a trip through childhood memories.

Reason for Reading: Ds read aloud as his reader. A beginning chapter book for five to eight year olds and yet not written down to children that it keeps the attention of older reluctant or struggling readers. My autistic son is 12 and quite enjoyed himself with Captain Awesome & Turbo's first adventure. I also was very pleased. Nice large text, pictures on every 2-page spread, often more than one, makes use of all typical superhero devices and connects with the child as they imagine someone like themselves becoming a superhero and saving their family, town, school, etc. The language is simple at this reading level and yet it manages to contain humour, a fun plot and typical kidspeak, "dude". We have some others in the series and ds is looking forward to the further adventures of. Great start to a welcome new series especially appealing to boys.

I bought this for my first grader, he's 7, to try out since he is in love with chapter books now and we

ran out of Junie B Jones books to read together. I wanted something he could read on his own and that would hold his interest and this series was a hit. He loves them and usually plows through them in a day or two. When our 2 year old climbs into his bed with him he reads out loud so they can both enjoy it. Even my 10 year old will pick them up and read them when his brother leaves them around the house. There have been a few books our 7 year old has given a shot but not been into, even ones our older son loved at his age like Magic Tree House, so when we found these and they had him begging for more books we were thrilled! He is also a big fan of the Eerie Elementary books and is not so patiently waiting for the newest one to come out.

My 8 yr old has had some trouble reading -- until we found THIS series!! He loves it, and I've just ordered the rest of the series for him. He received books 1, 2, & 3 for Christmas and finished all three by January 6! I'm so pleased to have found something he enjoys reading, and CAN read!

I read this book to my two sons. One is right and the other is six. My older son said, "it was just plain awesome. I liked the Nacho Cheese Man." My six year old said, "Super and coooooo!" I liked the author's use of easy to understand kid lingo. We recommend it! Especially to boys.

I'm 8 and I really liked Captain Awesome Saves the Day because it had a boy that was a super hero and there aren't very many books that have that. And I thought Nacho Cheese Man was a really fun name.

Recently got this for my 5 year old. He has read through the first 5 books and loves them. They seem to be perfect for his current level. The print is a little bigger which was helpful and my son said that the pictures were awesome. Despite the picture and bigger print this was still more of a chapter book than a picture book. Overall my son gives it 2 very enthusiastic thumbs up!

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