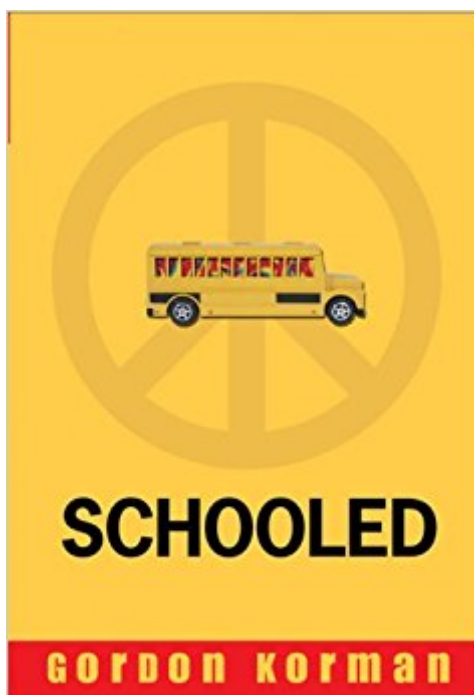


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# Schooled



## Synopsis

Capricorn Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Although he knows a lot about Zen Buddhism, nothing has prepared him for the politics of public school.

## Book Information

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**\*Starred Review\*** Homeschooled on an isolated "alternate farm commune" that has dwindled since the 1960s to 2 members, 13-year-old Cap has always lived with his grandmother, Rain. When she is hospitalized, Cap is taken in by a social worker and sent like a lamb to slaughter to middle school. Smart and capable, innocent and inexperienced (he learned to drive on the farm, but he has never watched television), long-haired Cap soon becomes the butt of pranks. He reacts in unexpected ways and, in the end, elevates those around him to higher ground. From chapter to chapter, the first-person narrative shifts among certain characters: Cap, a social worker (who takes him into her home), her daughter (who resents his presence there), an A-list bully, a Z-list victim, a popular girl, the school principal, and a football player (who unintentionally decks Cap twice in one day). Korman capably manages the shifting points of view of characters who begin by scorning or resenting Cap and end up on his side. From the eye-catching jacket art to the scene in which Cap says good-bye to his 1,100 fellow students, individually and by name, this rewarding novel features an engaging main character and some memorable moments of comedy, tenderness, and

reflection. Pair this with Jerry Spinelli's 2000 *Stargirl* (the sequel is reviewed in this issue) for a discussion of the stifling effects of conformity within school culture or just read it for the fun of it. Phelan, Carolyn --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gordon Korman is one of the most popular young adult and middle grade authors writing today. He published his first book at the young age of fourteen and has been going strong ever since. A tireless self-promoter, Gordon is constantly traveling across the country to visit different schools. He and his wife, a teacher, live on Long Island with their three children.

*Schooled* was told from multiple points of view with characters telling their parts in different chapters, though the main character was Capricorn Anderson. Cap has to leave a commune and attend middle school for the first time in his life when his grandmother Rain is hospitalized. He's never seen television or been exposed to anything other kids take for granted. Soon Cap is being bullied and teased by some of the other students, but he takes everything in stride, even when he is elected student body president and expected to plan a Halloween dance. While the premise of a boy from an isolated environment being thrown into the modern world was amusing, I found some of the story hard to swallow. For example, Mrs. Donnelly who took Cap into her home was a former resident of the commune and knew what he was going through. However, she seemed to make little effort to educate him about the real world, preferring to let him stumble around getting himself into trouble. The other students were free to torment Cap by throwing spitballs at him and constantly inviting him to non-existent meetings in non-existent classrooms. I thought a boy as intelligent and self-aware as Cap should have been able to figure out why he kept finding paper in his hair and why he couldn't find these meetings. Also, the students seemed to have an awful lot of free rein and free time around the school. Cap meditated on the floor in front of his locker and did Tai Chi on the lawn at the school. In one instance Cap and a friend made tie dye shirts in the science lab--without asking permission. The school principal gave Cap the checkbook to the activity fund without explaining how a bank account works and Cap proceeded to overdraw the account and spend the money mostly on charitable donations. In the end, everything works out and the students have come to love Cap the way he is. They have learned more from him than they could ever have imagined. The humor and the positive ending made up for the hard to believe elements of the plot and this was overall a fun read.

I.LOVE.THIS.BOOK! The feels man! This book is amazing, I love it so much. I read this for my

summer reading, and I'm glad I chose this book. Cap is so funny, and I'm not gonna spoil anything so you get to have the same experience it did. I'd get so excited at some parts my mom would look at me and be like, "WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU" because I'd be like, "AAAHHHHHÃ Â Â^Â†" ANYONE THAT WANTS TO READ THIS BOOK HAS TO!!!!!! It's definitely worth a five star rating  
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Yet another wonderful book to share with kids in a read aloud. Schooled will introduce kids to the 60s and teach them love is the answer and money is just CRAZY! Lol. A great read.

It's a cute book. It's required summer reading for my niece and all the eighth graders at her school. The characters are well written and memorable.

Cannot tell how copies of this book I already purchased. My daughter keeps giving it away as a gift to all her friends. Still family favorite book!

I can't believe it! I loved this book! The compassion, love, and determination? Absolutely outstanding! I had read this book a few years ago and remembered hating it, although reading it again has changed my opinions completely about the author and the story itself. I believe now after reading the book that I was thinking about another story. I love the connection shown between Cap and Miss Donnelly, I recommend this book not only to those who need to read it for summer reading, of course. But also to those who want to read a story that really brings out the emotions of the characters.

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Great book. My 11 year old loved it.

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