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The Bad Seed
Synopsis

"An Best Children's Book of the Month selection From the New York Times bestselling author of the Goodnight Already! series This is a book about a bad seed. A baaaaaaaaaad seed. How bad? Do you really want to know? He has a bad temper, bad manners, and a bad attitude. He's been bad since he can remember! With Jory John's charming and endearing text and bold expressive illustrations by Pete Oswald, here is The Bad Seed: a funny yet touching tale that reminds us of the remarkably transformative power of will, acceptance, and just being you. Perfect for young readers, as well as anyone navigating their current world, The Bad Seed proves that positive change is possible for each and every one of us.

Book Information

Hardcover: 40 pages
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Language: English
ISBN-10: 006246776X
Product Dimensions: 9.3 x 0.4 x 11.2 inches
Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)
Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item
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Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

"The BEST read-aloud book of the year...Seriously. (Mel Schuit, Let's Talk Picture Books blog) This is a story that opens up dialogue about our reactions to life experiences, the consequences of our choices, and the chance to make a change for the better. (School Library Journal (starred review)) This charmingly illustrated book would be a comical read-aloud and useful for class or family discussions about manners, behavior, and reputation. (School Library Journal (starred review)) Young readers will find the list of all the seed's offenses amusing, and the illustration of the flies and stench surrounding him (he never washes his
hands or feet) is sure to elicit laughter. (School Library Journal (starred review))

Even the very youngest can follow along as the pictures provide evidence of the seed’s bad behavior and the reactions of those around him. (School Library Journal (starred review))

John gives the seed a sympathetic backstory (packaged as a snack food, he barely escaped being eaten) that, along with his eventual determination to change his stripes, should keep readers engaged. (Publishers Weekly)

Working in digitized watercolors, Oswald makes this antihero’s angst vivid and touching, and the world the seed moves in—a metropolis populated by seeds that include peanuts, coconuts, and corn kernels—adds a playful counterpoint of background detail and comedy. (Publishers Weekly)

The message... [is] well-intentioned, and the watercolor illustrations provide plenty of comic effect. (Booklist)

Young readers will enjoy watching the dramatic seed intimidate his nervous neighbors, and might not even realize they’re learning a lesson about good behavior in the process. (Booklist)

Jory John is a New York Times bestselling author and two-time E.B. White Read-Aloud Honor recipient. Jory’s work includes the award-winning Goodnight Already! series, the bestselling Terrible Two series, the recent picture books Penguin Problems and Quit Calling Me a Monster!, and the national bestseller All my friends are dead. among many other books. He lives and works in Oregon, where he tries to be a very good seed, indeed.

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