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It's Halloween!

Only here's the trouble. Junie B. Jones is afraid to go trick-or-treating. "Cause what if witches and monsters are really real? And what if pumpkins with sharp teeth can eat your feet? And don't even get her started on the candy corn problem. So how is Junie B. supposed to even enjoy this scary holiday? But then-with a little help from a friend-she gets an idea for a costume guaranteed to outscare even the creepiest competition. And so maybe Halloween will turn out to be a real scream after all!

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Teri says

I love these books. Will put a smile on your face that stays there as you continue to read. So funny.

Coreena McBurnie says

I've been hearing about Junie B. books for years, but my boys never seemed interested. Someone told me about them again recently, telling me how hilarious these books are and how much her kids love them, so I picked this one up at the library to read with my daughter over Hallowe'en.

I'll start by saying that my daughter really liked this book. She was engaged and thought it was funny and enjoyed the pictures.

This was a cute story of Junie B. who is scared to go out trick or treating because a boy at school has filled her head with scary stories. It is fun how she tries to get out of the situation, but then also comes up with a solution.

However, I had a terrible time reading it to her. Junie B. uses very strange grammar much of the time - I don't know any kid who talks like she does. I found myself correcting it for my daughter as I don't want her language to regress. I am continually torn with books like this. They are engaging and kids like them but the grammar! I know there is something to be said for being approachable and using authentic language, etc, but much of language is learned from what we read. I can understand wanting kids to sound like kids, but I don't see how consistent, strange grammar helps them at all. It feels condescending, like they couldn't understand the proper use of language. Maybe it's just me because these books are wildly popular.

So, there is my rant. It's possible that my daughter will seek out more of these books. Maybe it will be a good opportunity to talk about language.

Ashley says

Junie b jones is scared she doesn't like Halloween . She thinks the people are real and doesn't like taking candy from them . Everyone at school is asking her what she Is going to be for Halloween and she says she's not going and people start calling her names .

Lisa says

So far this is hysterical... a clown chased Grandma Helen Miller and squirted her w/seltzer water at some point and Mother can't believe Junie B. wants to be that clown for Halloween. But see Junie B. is scared of Halloween so she is picking the scariest thing she knows to be so she can scare off others. Mother scolds

Junie B. for being naughty in the costume shop and tells her basically to quit being mouthy to which Junie B. replies, "well that is going to limit the rest of our conversation then." I love this kid.

Melanie says

Junie is a clown for Halloween.

Kenzie Donalson says

One quote I enjoyed was on page 55, "I ran at him very speedy. And I butted him in the stomach with my clown head." I enjoyed this quote because it shows how funny Junie B. Jones is. One character I loved is Junie B. herself, I like her because she is sassy and hilarious. One character I hated was Ms. Morty Junie B's grouchy neighbor, I didn't like her because she gave Junie B. an apple for Halloween which is a horrible treat. One theme I noticed in this book is that it's not always easy to overcome your fears. Junie B. was very afraid of clowns but instead of being scared of them she decided to be one for Halloween. This was helpful for Junie B. Jones because she did get over that fear and in doing so she also reached her goal by wanting to scare someone. She scared her dad very bad when she had the makeup on in bed and her dad came in her room and scared him to death about. My overall feelings of this book is, I love it and it's so funny for everyone all ages. They are easy to read and will definitely make you laugh a lot.

Kaylin and Liam says

KAYLIN'S REVIEW (9 years old)

I think it was great because its just a little girl who is in first grade and she wants to be a clown and scary but it is not really working out for her. The things that make it great is the part when the little boy in the fishing costume drops a apple right in her clown pants. Another thing that makes it great is when Junie B. tries to scare her grandpa when she is in the clown costume. That's why I think this book is great.

Brittany Hart says

Junie B. Jones is terrified to go trick-or-treating this year. Did you know that pumpkins with sharp teeth will eat your feet when you're sleeping? OR that witches don't even dress up for halloween because they don't have to! It seems too risky for trick-or-treating, so what will she do when her mom makes her go?

I love Junie B. Jone, and this one was no fail!

I would definitely use this in the classroom around halloween time!

Ensiform says

I skipped quite a few books since the last one; Junie now has glasses and a baby brother. But she's still wildly inappropriate and nearly adult in her diction, and funnier than ever. This time around, she's afraid of Halloween, so decides to dress up as the scariest thing she can think of: a clown. Specifically, Screamy the

Clown. Only no one seems be scared of her, it seems, and she gets fruit instead of candy on her first outing, even though she did not say “trick or fruit.”

As always, I thought some of it was truly funny, mostly because of Junie’s unrealistic speech patterns (“I think that will cut down on my part in the conversation”). But while the humor went over my kindergartener’s heads, they caught all the mean words and bad behavior by all the characters. There wasn’t much in the way of a moral or lesson, which is, I think, unfortunate.

InHeavenWithBooks says

This book wasn't a good book. It really annoyed my age five self, because it acted like kids were dumb. Really dumb. I was not dumb. I was a good enough reader when I was four to read this book. How was I dumb? Annoying!

Cora says

Cute and my first graders enjoyed it for a Halloween read aloud.

Dawn Laws says

this book is a book in a series about Junie. Junie always seems to find mischief. In this book ,she is scared of Halloween because of something a boy told her. He dad takes her to get a costume and she picks a clown costume to scare away the monsters.

I rated this 5/5 because Junie will always have the reader wanting to read more.

Rachel says

This is a series that I loved as a child! I had every single book in this collection. In this book, Junie B. is afraid of Halloween because a boy in her class told her 5 scary Halloween secrets that Junie B. thinks are true. Therefore, Junie B. decides to dress up as a clown in order to scare all of the monsters away while she is trick-or-treating! I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, it's absolutely hilarious! I love the way the author writes and Junie B.'s journal entries are very fun to read.

I think this would be an excellent book to read aloud each day to a classroom of students. It is an engaging story and the book also has pictures for the students to connect with! If any student is afraid of Halloween, he or she could easily relate to this story. Hopefully, through reading this book they will understand that Halloween isn't as scary as one may think! I will definitely have these books in my future classroom library one day.

Annie Risher says

This is a really, really funny book, because Junie is a clown who is supposed to be funny, but Junie tries to scare people. They start to think she is a jerk. They act like she is not there, and they talk bad about her clothes. She thought weird about it. She didn't understand people were getting upset.

Syntha Green says

While I love the entire series, I think this one will always be my favorite.
