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Logan and his friend Benedict run into the wrong guy at the library?literally. When Logan slams into the reference guy in the basement and gives him a little lip, Logan gets punished, really and truly punished. He has three days to complete three tasks before Professor Wordsworth will lift the magical punishment that keeps getting Logan in even more trouble.

Punished! Details

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Belinda D says

In my very own opinion I thought that this wasn't a good book because a little boy was running around trying to tag his friend when suddenly he bumps into a man in the library and the little boy gets punished by the man when he blows some dust into the boys face and when that happens the boy starts to say puns and while I was reading the book and while the boy was saying the puns it was kinda hard to try and figure out what some of the puns were. So that's why I didn't like this book at all.

Beverly says

This book was recommended to me by my 5th grade students. I just love it when my students recommend books for me to read.

This is great book to teach students about word plays. It is an excellent read-a-loud that can be followed up with activities allowing the students to create their own puns, anagrams, oxymorons, and palindromes. WOW! What a fun lesson.

Teachers will enjoy the teachable moments and students will enjoy the humor.

Recommended for Grades 3 and up (though it might work well as a read-aloud to 2nd graders. They will find the word play funny, even if they don't quite understand it all.)

Sherrie says

This summer, I'm reading the 15 Florida Teens Read books, the 15 Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books for grades 3-5 and the 15 SSYRA books for grades 6-8. This thin book is the first of the grade 3-5 SSYRA books that I have finished. It is a relatively low reading level book (540 lexile), the SSYRA committee tries to have books for all levels of readers so there are always a couple book that are on the lower reading levels. This is the story of a boy who is caught playing tag in the public library. A mysterious man puts a curse on him as a result, and it forces the boy to speak in increasingly horrible puns. To lift the curse, he must find a selections of oxymorons, palindromes and anagrams for the man. This is a very quick read, at only 95 pages with a HUGE font. New or struggling readers will find this book engaging, but more able readers will speed through it.

Susan says

I'd have given this one 2.5 if I could. It was short and cute, but really lacking in character development; each character had pretty much one trait to work with. Perfect for younger elementary kids and the word nerd in me enjoyed the puns, oxymorons, anagrams, and palindromes.

Course evaluation:

Personal Response: This was a quick, but amusing read. As someone who enjoys crossword puzzles and language, I thought the tasks were creative and fun to see played out. The characters were a bit flat, which was my biggest complaint.

Evaluation: Though this story feels mainly like the realistic fiction, a curse placed on Logan and his style of speaking places it into the fantasy category. However, readers will relate to the friendship and arguments between the main character and his best friend; their annoyance and quick reconciliation feels authentic for children in the age group. The plot and sense of humor displayed in the dialogue is original for a modern fantasy; though many heroes in fantasy stories must complete quests, few are involved in collecting elements of language such as anagrams. Young readers will enjoy the constant plays on words. The characterization, however, is lacking; Lubar makes the mistake creating one-note, generic characters. We only know which sport each boy prefers, and that the Reference Librarian reprimands children. Few interesting or unique traits are revealed in each character description.

Lisa the Librarian says

This book is so clever! Full of puns and other parts of speech such as palindromes and oxymorons, this book helps the understanding of some of the fun words in the English language in a way that the reader does not feel "taught". The concepts flow within the confines of the story.

I did read this aloud to my fifth grade classes, but decided that some of the puns are subtle enough that this is probably better appreciated by individual readers. Having said that I will add that the classes did enjoy the book.

Aseel says

my copy is 42 pages
so how you can punish a little kid for running in the library
well..cast a word play curse upon then
so whenever he meant to say a word ,he says another one with the same sound like when he says behave ..he
finds himself saying beehive

Joe says

Kind of a cheesy story--contrived for geeky English teachers like me who love wordplay. I can see possibilities for 7th grade assignments!

I read this aloud to my family (kids range from 15 to 6), and they enjoyed it, but I think it works better if you actually see the words as you read them so you can catch the puns and other word play more easily.

Adam N says

I recently started reading this book and I was really surprised when Logan, the main character, got punished

for running and crashing into this old guy at the school library. Logan was running to catch up with his friend Benedict when this old guy appeared from nowhere. He was tall, wearing glasses and with a spooky weird grin he said to Logan, "You will be punished for this." Logan was quite scared, he had never been punished before, he was always polite and respectful to everyone. After that Logan got punished two more times by his teachers even though he didn't do anything wrong intentionally.

I hope Logan can solve his problem before he starts getting bad grades and being punished for no reason. This reminds me of the time in third grade when I got in trouble even though I tried my best not to do anything wrong. I'm looking forward to reading more about Logan and what happens to him next on how he solves his problem.

I just finished this book and I was surprised to find out that Logan got rid of his punishment. Logan had got in trouble at the library and the librarian, the old guy, gave him three tasks to complete in three days as punishment. These tasks were to find oxymorons, anagrams, and palindromes along with a spell that got him in trouble constantly. The librarian said he would reverse the magical spell if he completed these tasks. I was excited when the spell was lifted and Logan didn't get into trouble anymore. I can relate to this because in third grade I got in trouble and my teacher said she wouldn't give me a pink slip if I stayed in during recess and helped her with school stuff. This was a really exciting book and I am looking forward to reading more books by this author.

Cheryl says

Well it's no The Phantom Tollbooth but it's pretty darn fun. Can you collect 7 oxymorons, 7 palindromes, and 7 anagrams in 3 days? I like the math-focused companion to this, too, and wish there were more.

Josie McClain says

If you are planning to teach figures of speech, you might want to pull this book out and read a little to your class each day. The main character, Logan, is cursed to speak in puns by Professor Wordsworth because he is too rowdy and a little disrespectful in the library. In order to lift the curse he must bring the Professor 7 oxymorons, 7 anagrams and 7 palindromes. Punished is a book that will let you and your students have a good time working with words. From this you could go on to metaphors or whatever because the students would have background and connections. The book only has 96 pages so it won't be time consuming. Enjoy!

Jeni Enjaian says

A review from my old blog...

I didn't know what to expect when I picked up this book after a disappointing initial exposure to Lubar through Hidden Talents. I'm actually quite thankful for the disappointing exposure because it lowered my expectations and made it much easier for Punished! to easily surpass them.

Lubar creates a witty little tale full of fun literary devices. The main character, Logan, after running in the library and getting a face full of magical dust, must complete three missions, all of them missions to "capture" in various methods things such as anagrams and palindromes, a fun way to teach children about

those literary devices.

I definitely recommend this book.

Amberdenise Puckett says

What do 7 oxymorons, 7 anagrams and 7 palindromes have in common? The cure to a crazy punishment.

What do you get when a child runs through the reference section? A "pun"-ishment filled with horrifying bad jokes and a crazy quest. Logan Quester ends up being punished after his best friend decides to play tag. Chasing his friend causes Logan to run into Professor Robert Wordsworth and his "pun"-ishment begins.

I love this book. Kids will learn these crazy types of words in a way that a teacher might not imagine.

Norberto Leyva says

Logan and his friend, Benedict, know they shouldn't have been playing tag in the library and they are sorry they crashed into Professor Wordsworth! Logan gets punished. He has three days to complete three tasks (if I tell about the tasks, it will ruin the book) before Professor Wordsworth will lift the magical punishment that keeps getting Logan into trouble.

I would recommend this book to middle school students. It doesn't matter if a boy or girl reads the book because they will be entertained.

ruelas l. says

I thought this book was boring at the beginning however my opinion quickly changed once i got like a little into the book

over all i thought this book was good; it also had some humorous parts to it.

I agree with School Library Journal, starred's review (it's on the back) i agree were they say it would be an excellent class-room read aloud

I also think i learned some new words like :oxymoron,anagram,palindrome.

Btw i read this book like in an hour and 15min once it got interesting i didn't put it down. ++

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Ruth says

This didn't do much for me, but Podling 3 adored it. As stories go, it's not that complicated, and the characters are flatter than flat. However, as a means to teach literary devices, it's quite handy.
