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After the Petersons leave for vacation, their house decides it wants to take a holiday, too! But the different parts of the house can't agree on where to go. Finally, the sunporch suggests the house go to the beach. The basement refuses "to rise to the occasion," but the rest of the house follows the front door as it leads the way—and the house has a vacation that it will never forget! Adding to the appeal are Lee White's oil and colored pencil illustrations, which bring this "home away from home" tale to a safe and sound conclusion.

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Gwen - Chew & Digest Books - says

Like The Secret Life of Pets, I've often wondered what our houses think when we bail on them for a day or a vacation. No, I'm not crazy, I just have weird thoughts when it's 3 AM and I haven't slept for a couple days.

Cute, beautiful and vivid illustrations.

Kate says

Fun read

We liked this book because The house went on vacation and they saw their family and there was an octopus in the window when they got home. By Monson

Mrs. Gabrielle Zastrow's says

By Lydia and McKayla

The owners of a house leave on a vacation and the house thinks it should take a vacation too! The house tries to decide where it should go. First, the door picks to go next door, but the windows don't want to. Then, they think about going to a beach or a city. Everyone agrees to go to the beach. They start walking, but the basement screams, "NO FAIR!!!" He was mad he couldn't leave since he was stuck in the ground. So they headed on the road and got stuck in traffic, just behind the family that owns the house. They make it to the beach, but it is night time. They can't get back "home" until morning, but they want to take one swim before they leave. They found a current and then the little girl points out in the water. The house gets stuck in stormy waters. In the end, they all got back home and started dreaming about their next vacation- to the Statue of Liberty! It had a joke ending!

Robert Beveridge says

Jacqueline Davies, **The House Takes a Vacation** (Marshall Cavendish, 2007)

I love the idea of this book—when the family goes on vacation, the house decides to do the same—and Jacqueline Davies' writing in that regard is all well and good. It's a cute story, with more than enough puns for sharper young-gradeschoolers to pick up on. But pick this one up from the library first to make sure you, or your kids, don't find Lee White's illustrations to be disconcerting. Okay, not disconcerting, outright creepy. You may be able to tell just by looking at the front cover, but the effect didn't have its way with me until I'd gotten about three-quarters of the way through. ** 1/2

Caroline says

This is more of the "non-realistic" personification, as compared to The Little House or even The Little Red Pen. As I told my students, their personification has to be "how my pencil feels about being my pencil" not "how my pencil feels about its roadtrip to Disney World." There's a time and a place for both, but in fourth grade I feel like I can push them to the sophistication of seeing every day items in a new way, not writing fantasy-type stories.

If you have the time and the place for the Disney World type story, choose this one!

Rogene Carter says

An absolutely adorable book for younger readers. I actually personally also thought that houses, body organs, and clothes would take trips whilst one was away, asleep, or showering so it's lovely to see part of that demented childhood fascination come to life. The illustrations are superb and the text is wonderfully whimsical.

Jasmine Olivia says

This is a creative story, but the play on words like, "pane and pain," will not be recieved well with younger children. I think this book was a little bit over my daughter's head. I'm pretty sure she didn't notice the play on words, because her comprehension level is just not there yet. I know some kids comprehension level is sky high, but we'll get there one day...one day soon! :)

Laura says

When a family goes on vacation, their house decides to take a trip as well. My kindergarten students were okay with the story but what they really liked was the activity. I gave each of them the house from the story and then let them draw a picture showing the house on vacation. A perfect read aloud and activity in the week before spring break!

My favorite illustration was the one that showed the house gnashing its teeth in traffic.

Tina says

The Peterson Family goes on vacation and the house decides to go as well. But the various parts of the house squabble over where to go (or even whether they should go). After nixing the idea of just visiting other houses in the neighborhood ("Dudes" said the roof "There's no way I'm spending my vacation with the stuccoed up houses in this neighborhood."), they agree to Sunporch's suggestion to go to the Sea, Well all except the basement who refuses to "rise to the occasion.

The strength of this book is the story. The idea of the squabbling parts of the house trying to decide on where to go is great. And the distinct personality and voices of the parts is cute. The book is filled with sly puns ("I feel like I got the flue" mumbled the chimney and "Oh the pane! The pane!" cried the windows) and clever bon mots (at the first sight of the sea the Chimney utters with reverence "Holy Smoke.")

I don't think the art measured up to the pure whimsy of the story. If it had, it would have been a five star for me.

Jonathan Gibson says

Great Read!

My twins loved the story. It was a great read. They read it more than once. They even laughed at some of the concepts of the story. Kids will like this book.

Miriam says

It is fine for houses to go on vacations, but they should not try to surf. I think that is the moral of the story.

Caitlyn Connelly says

This is a hilarious picture book for children! Basically a family takes a vacation and the house decides to take a vacation too. The windows want to go to the yellow house across the street the chimney wants to go to the orange house down the street. The sunroom wants to go to somewhere totally new! So they go there and have a marvelous but scary and tiring time!

Lori says

Lots of puns and complex conceptual humor.

La La says

The puns are delightful. I'm still laughing!

This story is wonderful! There are even some plays on words to keep the adult reader entertained. It is a smooth read with eye-catching illustrations. The story is written from the house's point of view, but it sums up the human vacation going experience to a tee. I adored it.

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Michelle says

Mommy Bookworm's Thoughts: I love the illustrations in this book. The house is cute and I think it's neat how all different parts of it can talk. I like the general idea of the story. In the description on Goodreads, it says that "clever puns in the dialog . . . make this a fun read." Personally, I disagree. I think the puns are pathetic and are only understood by the adults who read it (or older kids). It is kind of like some animated films where the jokes are aimed at the adults & the animation is more for the kids, and the kids laugh because the parents laugh and the animation is funny, but they don't really understand the meaning. It's a cute story & I think that most kids would like it because of the overall gist and illustrations. However, I personally think it'd be better without the words or with different words! It's another one where it'd be interesting to many ages of children, but it would need to be the higher end of the age range to read it themselves.

Dahlia Bookworm's Thoughts (11 years old): I like that the house could talk. I thought it was funny that they got lost in the ocean. I like the drawings. I could easily read the book by myself. I would recommend it to kids my age and younger.

Daisy Bookworm's Thoughts (7 years old): I really like the illustrations. I think it's funny because the house can talk. I think it's funny how it walked away. It's funny that the house thought it could surf. It's a very funny story. I like how the house brought sea creatures home with it. I would need a little help reading it. I would recommend it to other kids too.
