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Most bad books look forward to hanging out at rummage sales. Not this bad book. Its goal is to be featured in the library's Banned Books List. Problem is, no one seems to notice... until the book teams up with its boisterous readers. Together, the book and its readers shout, wiggle, and sing to get the attention of a local librarian. Will this book see its cover on the library wall... or will it end up in the recycling bin? Full of bold, colorful graphics and laugh-out-loud humor, *The Worst Book Ever* is another colorful, graphical, high-lo book for reluctant readers by Beth Bacon. The meta-storytelling and interactive prompts get reluctant readers laughing, dancing, shouting—and reading. Ideal for read-alouds and story time, as well as independent reading for beginning to intermediate readers. Like Beth Bacon's other books, *I Hate Reading*, *The Book No One Wants To Read*, and *Blank Space*, this book helps make reading fun.

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Emris Lindsay says

This little fun and facetious read would put a smile on your kids' faces when they see the name and the look the book was giving them, but on completion would leave them smiling, even if it was the worst book they ever read. A quirky and fun way to approach the topic of how to get your kids attracted to reading.

Lori Cornett says

I imagine this book would be a great deal of fun for a smaller child & rather thought provoking for an older one. I love how it treats becoming a banned book as an accomplishment and even suggests, if only vaguely, that the things that cause books to be banned aren't all that bad.

Earlene says

A great book that kids really love.

This book really got the attention of the kids. It pulled them in and they were quickly involved in the story. Highly recommend for anyone reading to children of any age.

Sunny says

Sooooooooo fun!

This book completely surprised me at practically every page turn. I think I'm jaded about children's Kindle books, because a lot of them have been self-published with apparently no editor or an editor with little experience and they're just not very good. This was something completely different. I can't wait to share it with some tots. I fear like Dumbo was when my children were little, this will get worn out with rereads.

Shaye Miller says

This is a cute picture book where the “bad” book is trying to do everything it can to upset the librarian and get banned — yelling, using words not in a dictionary, making obvious grammatical mistakes, and getting the reader to say “gross” words (like barf, booger, etc.). It's funny, interactive, and would make an engaging read-aloud for young children. Might also be a fun way to kickstart banned books week.

Chelsea says

This one wasn't as good as the other one I read by the author, but I guess that is because some of the book didn't make sense to me. The book wanted story time, but I was confused about what a child might think if he is reading this book alone. It also required the kid to get up a lot and wiggle and scream, which is fun for the kid but I am not sure how the adults would feel depending upon the situation. Overall, I liked it and I would say this is really good in a situation where the child could freely do the activities in the book and where an adult would be willing to read it with them or something.

Barbara Ann says

This book desperately wants to be a bad boy. His goal is to become a banned book in the library. He tries everything to win the librarian's disapproval. Some of his tactics include using gross words, misspelled words, and made-up words. The book enlists readers to assist him by being loud and doing everything possible to annoy the librarian like flapping arms, wiggling and jumping up and down in their seats. To his dismay, the book makes its way into storytime.

This book is filled with lots of humor, graphics and simple illustrations. There are vivid colors, lots of variation in print size, alliteration, and onomatopoeia. Bacon playfully encourages her readers to become accomplices in the book's quest for notoriety.

Kim says

This was just such a funny cute children's book where the book asks the reader to think of stuff and do things. Would be great for both library and classroom storytimes as it is interactive instead of passive reading. Recommend for very young children.

Source: My personal purchased library.

Lisa says

My 7 yo loves this book.

I got this book for my 7yo daughter. She had a hard time reading this because she was laughing so hard in parts. She absolutely loved this book and after reading it, proclaimed, "I LOVE Beth Bacon! She is so funny!". Then, she immediately asked to download I Hate Reading. I have a feeling we'll be downloading the entire Beth Bacon library before the end of the night.

Jessica Camacho says

So cute!

Absolutely adorable! Every librarian (teacher, parent, etc.) needs this book in their library. It's not a book to read before bed or nap time - too active and loud - but a must read!

Ashley Nading says

One of the best had books we've read.

I loved the minimalist illustrations and my 6 yr old twins loved the silly story. They loved making noises, moving, and making up words with the book. This would be a great read aloud. Be forewarned the book uses "bad" words, the worst of which is butt.

Joanne E. Insull says

Cute

Cute idea but not sure who it is for. It covers book banning in a humorous way, but for me it is not humorous . Would appeal to writers trying to get a book published or trying to increase sales.

Lasynda Shichiroji says

Interesting

My son really liked this book. He has a lot of fun reading it and interacting with it. He was very silly and really got into reading this book. I think I need to find more silly books like this for him to read.

Montzalee Wittmann says

A funny "bad" book

Kids will love this 'bad' book. The book tries everything to be banned and it is a hoot! He gets the young readers involved too, truly a fun book for kids!

Lia Brent says

This book wants your attention. And for some reason, this self-called "bad" book thinks that negative attention is the only way this book will be noticed. Kids will appreciate the lengths this book will go to get banned by the librarians: gross words, deliberate misspellings and punctuation mistakes, and more. Everything kids would do if they could get away with it! And when the readers won't skedaddle, the book

enlists the readers' help by telling them to do BAD things in the library! C'mon, who hasn't wanted to be bad (for a good cause) sometimes! Interactive is good to keep a young reader's interest. Add in a few fun puns and you have the adults attention, too. After all that effort, when the librarians finally do notice the book, the book has to remember what the ultimate goal was.

The color scheme is the retro mustard, green, and red-orange, with some violet, aqua, black, and white thrown in. The graphic design illustrations are simple but captivating. Did I give away too much? Nah... This book will always get what it wants because it is engaging and funny. No reluctant reader can ignore its brashness!
