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A little girl imagines what her day would be like if she were *Madam President*. There would be executive orders to give, babies to kiss, tuna casseroles to veto (or VETO!)...and so much more! Not to mention that recess would definitely require more security.

With deadpan wit and hilarious illustrations, best-selling picture book creator Lane Smith introduces readers to an unforgettable new character.

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From Reader Review Madam President for online ebook

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Jennifer Rummel for Kids @ TeensReadToo.com

One little girl imagines her day if she were President.

Katy uses an executive order to refill her waffle plate. Recess includes secret service agents hiding behind the trees. She vetoes tuna salad for lunch. Katy even has to deal with a Disaster Area - her room.

Lane Smith creates a story that will make readers giggle. The adorable pictures reinforce the humorous tale. While the presidential subject is timely, this book will be enjoyed for years to come.

Emily Woodard says

I didn't like it when she cleaned her room or stood on a statue. I liked the cover though, it was nice.

karrie's corner says

This is a brilliant book! Katy uses her executive power to make things happen in her world, and goes about her day as if she is the President of the United States. With hilarious pictures, and sharp, intelligent prose, Lane Smith has created a very informative and funny book. The illustrations are wonderful, and the look on Katy's face as she appoints her Cabinet, deals with the Secret Service out on the playground, and tries to repair the disaster area that is her bedroom is priceless.

I love the fact that this is a book about a woman president, and that she is a strong character who clearly knows herself. It's timely especially since we inaugurated the first African-American President yesterday. Why shouldn't little girls dream of being of the first woman President?

The strength of this book is the use of government terms to tell the story and the plays on words that go along with those terms. When the book is all said and done, Katy is just like any other little girl at the end of the day -- tired!

Danielle Mootz says

Very timely book for our current election but even better was teaching my 6 year old a lot of new words and concepts.

Rebecca says

This book will be good to read to the third and fourth graders when they start learning about president. It gives a description about the president's job and the purpose of different candidates. It is engaging to read because the job titles have been changed to a kid's friendlier words that the kids can understand.

Madelyn Haspert says

In the picture book, Madam President, the readers are introduced to a young girl who pretends to be the president. She takes duties of America's president and relates them to her everyday life. For example, her "executive orders" are asking for waffles in the morning before school.

I was really attracted to this book because I could immediately tell that it was going to be a story about a smart and independent female character.

The setting of this story is primarily at the main character's school where she practices her "presidential duties" and the story is told in first person point of view of the little girl.

This book has a lot of color, but the colors are muted giving this story a unique look. The perspective of the story is one-point as the reader is looking into each scene of the story.

The theme of this story is one I really appreciate. The main character is an intelligent little girl who hopes to become president one day. This is a great example for young girls who read this book.

Overall I thought this book was very cute and sends an important message to not only young girls but to male readers as well. I plan on purchasing this book myself for my classroom library in the future!

Clare Sandley says

Madam President teaches people that they can aspire to be whatever they dream of.

I personally love how it shows a strong female protagonist in a powerful role. The juxtaposition between what is in the images as opposed to the text reminds me of children in role play, e.g. when she names each member of her cabinet (and they're just her toys!)

A really fun and light hearted book which has the power to evoke humour and inspire young people

Mathew says

Although it is based in America, its subtle message that anyone, regardless of gender should dream big in life in order to aspire to be anything that they want to be is done in a witty and light-hearted way. Lane Smith has a real talent for throwing traditional stories and socio-cultural norms on their heads and he does this so well here.

Not only is there wit in abundance but I thought that the play between what the words were saying against what the illustrations were showing Lane at his very best. This joke between the roles of responsibilities of the president are mainly played through the illustrations whilst the narrative reels off in a frequently formal tone

about the responsibilities: 'There are executive orders to give' is illustrated by a young girl shouting at the breakfast table for 'More waffles, please,' the lovely double-page spread of the president's cabinet only shows slight allusions to the imaginary world of the girl that we are party to with the Secretary of the Interior joined by the Secretary of Fantasy (a lovely pegasus/unicorn figure).

These then are the dreams and aspirations of a little girl. Through her eyes we see her live the role of president and by the end of it, when she is in the very place she started her day, we are left feeling that she could easily handle the role when she's older. I think that many other girls and boys will feel the same about their own dreams too.

paula says

Here's a good idea: pretend you are the president, and see how that makes you act. In *Madam President*, Lane Smith (who must be the hardest-working, most civic-minded dude in children's literature) lays out all the qualities the president needs to exhibit. Wisdom. Diplomacy. Friendliness, sympathy, humility, toughness, calm.

His noble little girl, in her tailored, flared pantsuit, demonstrates how each of these exemplary traits plays out during an action-packed day that starts at 7am with an executive order, politely delivered ("More waffles, please") and ends at 8pm, when she delegates a visit from the cat to her vice president, a friendly-looking rag doll.

It's fun. It's informative. It has tons of little jokey details (Katie keeps a copy of *Profiles in Courage* under her bed). And it teaches about integrity without being preachy.

Amber says

Being the President of the United States is hard work. It includes handling press conferences with grace, picking a capable cabinet and keeping the peace. It had perks such as a theme song and secret service cats.

Did I write cats? I meant agents. Wonderful story and illustrations on how responsibilities translate from an adult profession to the life of a child.

Janice Coney says

Text-to Teaching Connection: Social Studies

The main character of this book speaks life into the meaning of being a president. Even though this book would be a reading assignment, it could easily also be a Social Studies project. I would suggest once the class is in government section or if it is an election year this book would come in handy to spark ideas into the minds of the students. Some of the newly found interest could be redirected to get the students to talk more with their parents about the offices held by government officials. Teachers could also hit on another point in the book about holding yourself accountable.

As an activity, I would have the students explain why they would want to be president and what would they change if they were president. Then I would have them create a bill to be passed. Then we could split the class up to have members of Congress and go through the process of getting the bill approved. Allowing all

students a chance to be the president and congress members.

Chelsea Couillard-Smith says

Hilarious! Probably my favorite picture book of the year. Smith does a great job of relating presidential duties to a young girl's day to day life. And she's fabulous, full of spirit and humor. Hilarious for adults and children, and highly recommended for every kid with presidential tendencies!

Marissa Elera says

The saucy young girl starring in this amusing Lane Smith work is quite comfortable with the many responsibilities of the presidency. Marching importantly across the pages, she declares many accurate facts about what a president must do, and we see her interpretation in Smith's humorous illustrations. From negotiating treaties between dogs and cats, deciding on a "capable cabinet" consisting of Secretaries of Pizza, Fantasy, Naps, and Pets Who Should Be In Their Cages, to using the president's veto power to veto tuna casserole and a musical version of Little House On The Prairie, this girl's imagination takes flight. With its accurate details and amusing illustrations, this work would be a nice break from the regular textbook approach in teaching early introduction to the American government system.

"A president must be a diplomat... which is why I'm not commenting on that hat".

Emily Garrison says

This story was a cute one, about a girl who feels she is already president. She tells the reader about her many duties as president, including giving executive orders (her breakfast order), babies to kiss, treaties to negotiate (between the dog and cat), the choosing of secretaries for soccer, fantasy, pizza, undersea exploration, dance, etc. using special privileges (vetoing rules). It was a cute story with great illustrations and it ended with Madam President giving up her duties for the evening to the Vice President (the cat) so she could go to bed for the night. I highly recommend this cute story for you children and students as it helps them relate their world to the of the president of the United States.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

If you read the text alone on this one, it could pass as an informational book on what the President of the United States does. But if you look at the pictures, it becomes a story about a girl who imagines herself as President. The difference between the text and the pictures creates the appealing humor of the story. I'm not fond of Lane Smith's artwork, which is why I'm only giving it 3 stars. I do like her Secret Service Agent cat, however, and the bust of Eleanor Roosevelt that she stands on in front of her school. Ironically, Eleanor may have been one of the only women who actually came close to doing all the things a President does. A nice book for Women's History Month, and one that could kick off a great discussion on Presidential responsibilities and women in politics.

