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Mr. Drake's second grade class has a new class pet. Fluffity appears to be a cute and docile hamster—but the kids soon discover that she is not the cuddly pet they expected. From the moment her cage door opens, Fluffity becomes FEROCIOUS—biting and chasing everyone down the hall and into the library! Will the class be able to tame this beast and bring peace back to their school? The bestselling team behind *Chicken Butt!* and *Chicken Butt's Back!* has crafted another laugh-out-loud tale that's sure to be a hit with any child who's ever wanted a pet. Erica Perl's pitch-perfect rhymes and Henry Cole's over-the-top animal character make for the perfect classroom read-aloud.

## Ferocious Fluffity: A Mighty Bite-y Class Pet Details

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## **From Reader Review Ferocious Fluffity: A Mighty Bite-y Class Pet for online ebook**

### **Lesley Burnap says**

Laugh out loud funny! Perfect to share, whether or not you have a class pet! The pictures will have the kids rolling on the floor! (I mean, just look at Fluffity's cute widdle face!) The words beg to be read and reread over and over! Winner! Winner! What's Fluffity eatin' for dinner?

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### **Molly says**

Read this at the SWON Picture Book Read-In.

Warning tale about how you should get to know your pet before letting them out of their cage.

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### **Robyn Bronson says**

This book was hilarious!?! All of us loved it - even my older kids!  
One word of warning - only read it to your kids if you know they won't attempt to copy the behavior of Fluffity. Or- if you are prepared to make it a learning experience and discuss not biting.

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### **Annie says**

This book is going to be so much fun to read aloud! The illustrations are quite detailed and have a few visual jokes that my youngest students will get. Will use with Looking for Treasures lesson.

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### **Lynn says**

So funny! I laughed out loud throughout this wonderfully silly book. Can't wait to try this one on the kindergartener in my life ;-)  
Henry Cole's illustrations of the biting hamster are hilarious and his comeuppance at the end even more so. Did I mention I once inherited a school library hamster we called Houdini??? It could also have been named Fluffity for its similar propensity to bite ;-)

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### **Margie says**

As an educator there will be pets and critters of all kinds in your classroom; it's inevitable. They will be there as welcome or surprise guests or as permanent members for the school year. If you are a teacher librarian in your building the number of animal visitors increases.

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Classrooms want to share their pet bringing it to the library for a lesson, individual students bring in their much-loved pals and then there are those students who've captured something from the out-of-doors they can hardly wait to show you. These gals and guys come to you before school or between classes carefully carrying a jar with a lid punched full of holes or a larger box in a similar state. You learn over the years to quickly and cheerfully ask what is in the container. You may be asked to identify the animal, discover its favorite habitat or meal and always to share in the joy of "look what I found."

Most pets residing in classrooms as valued members have been selected for particular qualities. Obviously the safety of all the students is important. *Ferocious Fluffity: A Mighty Bite-y Class Pet* (Abrams Books for Young Readers, July 19, 2016) written by Erica S. Perl with illustrations by Henry Cole proves normal behavior can go awry.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2...>

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### **Brittany says**

It was cute so I just had to pick it up. This brings back bad memories of our 3rd grade class pet. She was a biter too! I wonder if he wrote this book based on personal experience! HA!

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### **Jackie says**

The students in Mr. Drake's class learn some very important lessons about class pets. And, in time, Mr. Drake is pleased with their learning...enough so, that he gets them another class pet. What a pet it is!

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### **Mary says**

Rhyming text, charming illustrations, and cute, funny story. In real life, any class pet would be banished after one biting incident. However--being that this is fiction--the hamster is furnished with toys and the children learn a lesson about obeying the rules. Recommended for preschool-2nd grade.

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### **Tori says**

Fluffity, class 2-D's pet hamster, is adorable... until the day the children let her out of her cage and discover she's actually a ferocious beast. Can this wild beast be tamed?

A silly, rhyming story to try for a pet-themed storytime.

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

Perl, Erica S. *Ferocious Fluffity: A Might Bite-y Class Pet*, illustrated by Henry Cole. PICTURE BOOK. Abrams Books, 2016. \$16.95. Content: G.

Mr. Drake's students are thrilled when their teacher unveils the new class pet. They all vow not to touch Fluffity until she is bigger and more accustomed to the classroom. But when Mr. Drake is late one day, the children can't help it. They take turns holding Fluffity -- and getting bitten! The terrified kids try to escape, but their class pet runs right after them, teeth ready to chomp. Oops. Maybe they should have listened to their teacher after all.

This rhyming tale is graced with hilarious text and illustrations, and I'm already looking forward to reading it aloud to my students when school is back in session. It seems like it will be a fun one to perform, as well as a good start for discussions about how to treat new pets and listening to adults' suggestions despite temptation. (Okay, the latter sounds like a bit of a snooze, but I think we could have some fun with it.)

EL (K-3) -- ADVISABLE. Reviewed by Sydney G., K-6 Library Media Specialist  
<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017...>

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### **Krissy says**

*\*\*Rated by my son\*\**

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### **Tasha says**

The author and illustrator of *Chicken Butt* return with another uproariously funny picture book. Mr. Drake brings a new pet into his classroom. It's a tiny hamster. They aren't allowed to hold her, but one day when Mr. Drake is late, the children take her out of her cage. But Fluffity is not as sweet as she looks. She bites all of the children! Then she chases them down the hall and continues to bite them as they hide in the library. When Mr. Drake discovers them all, Fluffity bites him too and won't let go. They finally get Fluffity back into her cage and figure out that she needs exercise and lots of things to chew on to be happiest. In fact, they do so well that Mr. Drake brings in a new pet for the classroom!

Now, I must admit that when I start a picture book and it is in rhyme I tend to worry and even shudder a bit. Here Perl handles her rhyme with panache, using it to up the frenzied action and to increase the humor as well. The rhyme adds a galloping pace to the book that is wonderful as well as making it a treat to read aloud. The humor is broad and never subtle, in other words perfect for small children to laugh right along with. It is also appreciated that in the end the students learn how to care for Fluffity rather than getting rid of the little nipper.

Cole's illustrations add to the zany feel of the book. Just look into the eyes of Fluffity and you will know that something is about to go wrong. The ball of fur may be tiny, but her glare would have me hiding in a library too. Just like the writing, the illustrations are ideal for sharing out loud too with their bright colors, large format and action-filled images.

Sure to keep even the wiggliest preschooler listening, this picture book is a great finishing read for a story time welcoming children back to school. Appropriate for ages 4-6.

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### **La Coccinelle says**

This is pretty funny, and teaches a valuable lesson about respecting your pets. Sometimes, children's books try too hard to be funny, and they just end up seeming stupid. *Ferocious Fluffity* strikes just the right balance, however; it's relatable, it's cute, it has hilarious illustrations, and there's a great rhyming text to top it all off.

Don't be fooled by that innocent little face, though: Fluffity is a beast.

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## **Peacegal says**

It's a shame for hamsters that they are so cute; they really don't make good children's pets at all. They're nocturnal, territorial, and for the most part dislike being held. I'm not a big fan of "classroom pets" in general, but hamsters are one of the more ill-informed choices.

"Ferocious Fluffity" may be a bit more realistic than most teachers (or kids) would like!

On one hand, this rhyming book does teach a lesson about getting to know your pet before asking too much of him. Fluffity obviously hates being held, but it took an entire classroom and teacher getting bitten for them to understand this. There was a nice moment when the kids offer Fluffity things that make her happy: an exercise wheel and toys to play with.

However, despite having such a bad experience with Fluffity, the teacher gets yet another class pet--a possibly even worse choice who is clearly planning on gobbling up the hamster!

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