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The Stupid family thinks they are dead when the lights go out.

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Kaylin says

I thought the book was ok because it's all little funny but in the same time annoying.

Flash says

so funny book! they eat
breakfast in shower, mr stupid said my egg is runny!!!!!!

Marilyn Mercado says

I really liked this book. This book is all about one STUPID family that didnt think right. The humans slept under the bed and the animals slept on top. The STUPID family thought that it wasnt stupid.

Asho says

I will try to like this book, and the whole stupid series, because I know my husband enjoyed them as a child and I predict my son will get a kick out of them once he is old enough to understand what the word "stupid" means. However, I am in no hurry to teach him how to use the word "stupid," and as an adult woman I find this book sophomoric rather than entertaining, so for now it sits on the shelf.

Jim Erekson says

When Bela came home from school one day in first grade, she said that a boy got in trouble for saying the 's' word. We asked, "Which s-word?" *Stupid!* was the reply. Some strange cultural undercurrent made this word into a no-no in primary education in the 1990s and this book was and is still the antidote. When will teachers and parents learn that making a word into a tabu only makes it all the more enticing to use on the sly?

This book is the perfect antidote! But the story is only part of it. It's the way James Marshall adds subtext to the story with the illustrations that makes it interesting reading. The paintings on the walls, the looks on the faces of the dog and cat--all part of an overall mix of complementary and counterpoint illustration.

I've loved this series since I found a used copy of #2 at a library sale in Michigan in the 1990s (the dust jacket and cover illustration were missing, but the hard cover was embossed with a drawing of a chicken labeled 'cow').

Larry-bob Roberts says

“That’s the only thing I truly envy Jim for,” Sendak laments. “Deep envy. I think The Stupids Die is the best title ever. I can’t forgive him for having that title. I used to tell him that. I bought the original poster for the book, and it hangs in one of my rooms.”

<http://www.bookpage.com/9905bp/mauric...>

orangerful says

I like Children's books that are humorous and weird and The Stupids fits into both of those categories. In 'The Stupids Die', the power goes out in their home and the Stupids assume that perhaps they have passed on. LOLtastic for older elementary school kids.

Wendy says

it was weird what the people did in the book but it was a funny book i liked it

Klelly says

my favorite part was when they thought they were dead, 2nd favorite when mrs stupid tied a bunch of chickens to her body instead of putting on clothing

Layla Rodriguez says

so funny and they had the stupidest family ever but the grandmas is some how smart

Cruz Montesdeoca says

i thought it was funny but it rushed the ending to much and it was more silly than funny.yet i still enjoyed it all though it is not my favorite.

Masuma Khan says

This book is really hilarious. I really liked it. The Stupids Die talks about a very very odd family who always wish something stupid would happen every single day. The best part was the end, I think you should read it!

Adrienne Pettinelli says

"This isn't heaven," said Grandfather. "This is Cleveland."

Dione Basseri says

Oh wow...wow...this is painful in all new ways....

So, I read this book because of its place on the ALA's most-frequently challenged books list. I'm big on maintaining library collections in the face of those who would demand books be removed due to some perceived slight. This doesn't mean always buying new copies--some of the books are, in themselves--not very good. But it means not allowing small groups to determine what society as a whole can read.

The Stupids are way up there on the challenged list, and, in a modern sense, I can see the issue. "Stupid," historically, has worse connotations than just "not smart." It was used for those with severe mental impairments, and has since become half-recognized as a slur. Kids are taught not to use the word, and even adults are reprimanded for saying something which could be so potentially harmful.

The book itself...it's just kind of annoying. It's just a series of mistakes the family makes, including thinking they're dead during a power outage. Kids would probably find it funny, but I think mainly because the person reading would be saying a "naughty" word.

So, my stance remains: I believe in intellectual freedom and would fight to keep this book on the shelves where it is already stocked. However, just on the quality of the book itself, I would feel no need to purchase a new copy. It's not a very good book, and I could spend my money well elsewhere.

Dustin Crazy little brown owl says

[The Stupids don't really die :-) (hide spoiler)]
