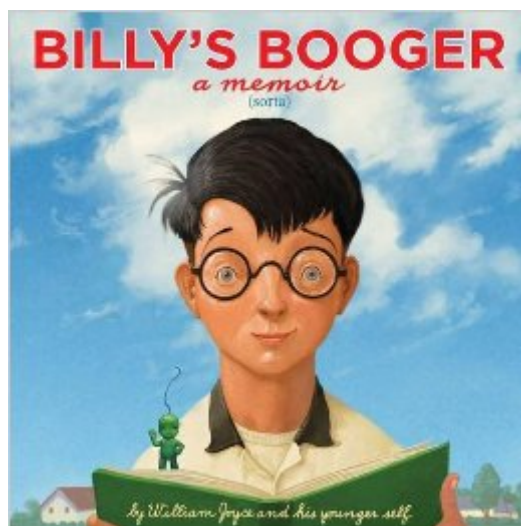


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Billy's Booger



Synopsis

A young lad who would rather draw than do math, spell, or gargle finds the perfect outlet for his always-on imagination in this manifesto to creative joie de vivre, featuring a book within a book, from the brilliant minds that brought you *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*. Billy loves to draw. He draws on books and on his homework and even on his math tests—he might not get the answer right, but doesn't it look swell sitting in a boat at sea? His teacher doesn't think so, and neither does the principal. But the librarian has an idea that just might help Billy better direct his illustrative energies: a book-making contest! Billy gets right to work, reading everything he can about meteors, mythology, space travel, and—mucus? Yep, his book is going to be about the world's smartest booger, who stays tucked away until needed—say, to solve multiplication problems, or answer questions from the President. Billy's sure his story is a winner. But being a winner doesn't mean you always win. Full of nostalgic references to a time when TV was black-and-white and Sunday newspapers had things called the funnies, this wildly fun story-within-a-story is based loosely on children's book legend William Joyce's third grade year, and includes a sewn-in mini-book of that tale of the world's smartest booger.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

The fictionalized picture book memoir is a fairly new creation, when you get right down to it. It's

not as if Sendak was telling tales about a little boy in Brooklyn or Margaret Wise Brown was penning nostalgic stories of a girl in a Swiss boarding school. But somewhere during the latter part of the 20th century, the form sort of took off. Tomie dePaola typified it with books like *Oliver Button Is a Sissy*. Michael Rosen took an adult perspective in *The Sad Book*. And Patricia Polacco has practically made a cottage industry out of it with stories like *Thank You, Mr. Falker* and *Mr. Lincoln's Way* amongst others. They're still relatively rare, though, so when you encounter a book like *Billy's Booger: A Memoir (Sorta)* your first thought isn't that this is going to have any bearing whatsoever on author William Joyce's real life. Instead, you zero in on that word. "Booger". Kinda hard to get away from. And you want to write the book off as gross based on that alone, but the image on the cover stops you. Not the small waving green guy, though he's pretty cute (until you realize what exactly he is) but rather the bespectacled wide-eyed boy with the book. Get into the story and you encounter a tale that I can honestly say is unlike any other Joyce creation I've read before. Funny and relatable with more Bill Joyce in-jokes that you could shake a stick at, this is a picture book memoir that feels deeply personal. And all it took was a bit of fictional phlegm. Let it be understood that even before the incidents involving the book, upon which I shall elucidate further in a moment, it was an undeniable fact that Billy was both a usual and unusual kiddo. Usual since he loved monster movies and cartoons and comic books.

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