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Emperor Pickletine Rides The Bus (Origami Yoda)



Synopsis

The final Origami Yoda case file from the kids at McQuarrie Middle School! After successfully fighting to save their field trip in Princess Labelmaker to the Rescue!, Tommy and the gang prepare for a well-earned day of fun and adventure in Washington, DC . . . but of course it won't be that easy! This trip to the nation's capital will be full of shifting alliances and betrayals, carsickness and sugar rushes. Trouble starts even before the buses leave school, when Principal Rabbski decrees the field trip an "origami-free zone." Dwight secretly folds a Yoda from a Fruit Roll-Up, but will Fruitigami Yoda be a match for Harvey's sour, hate-filled pickle of darkness? Astronaut ice cream, a supersonic plane, a Johnny Appleseed sighting, and a near arrest are just some of the clues in the sweetest, stookest, biggest, craziest Origami Yoda case file yet.

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

The "Origami Yoda" books have been a consistently good read for me. Whereas many other book series start to slide in quality after about the third or fourth volume, Angelberger's series remained well-done and entertaining throughout. The colorful and unique cast of characters, great humor, entertaining story with realistic challenges for the characters to face, and of course the many, many Star Wars references sprinkled throughout made for a great series, good for the Star Wars

enthusiast and/or fans of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" or "Big Nate" series. And despite being older than its target audience, I thoroughly enjoyed the ride. I was slightly disappointed to pick up the final book of the series, "Emperor Pickletine Rides the Bus," and find a slight drop in quality. It's still a fun read, but not quite as good as the rest of the series. "Princess Labelmaker to the Rescue" ended with the seventh graders of McQuarrie Middle School having defeated the FunTime Menace and preparing for their field trip to Washington DC, something FunTime would have denied them. But what promised to be a fun trip is quickly spiraling out of control -- Principal Rabbski is grumpier than ever, the buses are cramped and smelly, and Harvey is back to his old ornery ways, annoying and threatening everyone on his bus with a half-origami, half-pickle puppet he dubs "Emperor Pickletine." And worse, the eccentric Dwight's mysterious partner Origami Yoda can't help -- the principal has banned origami on this trip! But Dwight proves to be more resourceful than everyone realizes, and with the help of a pack of fruit snacks and some ingenuity he just may save the field trip from total disaster. As always, the book provides a colorful cast of characters that acts realistically.

I was disappointed in this book. Nothing of real interest happened here. The plot development never seemed to materialize for me. There was nothing to collectively overcome for the middle schoolers. Harvey liked Sara so he punched Tommy in the nose at the end of the book seemed to come out of left field. Ms. Rabbski and Mr. Howell's get together felt thrown in like a lot of staff in this episode. This book felt disjointed and written in a rush compared to his other books. I did not feel he came up with a lot of new creative material. The fruit roll up origami was real good along with the food Star Wars characters but the middle schoolers did not seem to have any problems facing them in this episode. Another spill on the pants that looks like pee episode takes place. Did not like the whole bathroom on the bus part of the book. Could somebody have gotten lost in D.C. during the field trip, wandered off into another museum, or broke something at one of the museums and needed the origami characters to help them? Then with the lack of fruit roll ups they had to figure things out for themselves thus culminating with Ghost Yoda. For me the plot points were never fleshed out and the book meandered its way around. The other books in this series seemed to have something to say about friendship, adversity- you know an overall message about life. Well this one did not for me. I think it was suppose to be about how they could do it for themselves from now on and did not need Yoda anymore except it was not incorporated into the plot. In the last case file it just jumps out and feels disjointed to me. Not that the book is bad or anything. It just was not as good as the others. There was such a high bar set with the rest of the series and this unfortunately fell a bit short for me.

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