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The Book With No Pictures



Synopsis

A #1 New York Times bestseller, this innovative and wildly funny read-aloud by award-winning humorist/actor B.J. Novak will turn any reader into a comedian. You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say . . . BLORK. Or BLUURF. Even if the words are a preposterous song about eating ants for breakfast, or just a list of astonishingly goofy sounds like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and GLIBBITY GLOBBITY. Cleverly irreverent and irresistibly silly, *The Book with No Pictures* is one that kids will beg to hear again and again. (And parents will be happy to oblige.)

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 • The actor (and writer, producer, and director) has penned his first picture book, but can it be called a picture book when there are no pictures? Entering the field of unique interactive books begging to be opened, including Hervé Tullet's *Press Here* (Chronicle, 2011) and Adam Lehrhaupt's *Warning: Do Not Open This Book!* (S. & S., 2013), this title will instantly intrigue children. Upon opening the book, readers are drawn in ("Here is how books work: everything the words say, the person reading the book has to say. No matter what."). What follows is an uproariously raucous time, with readers being forced to utter nonsense words ("blork," "bluurf") and

phrases that will have young listeners in stitches ("And my head is made of blueberry pizza."). Admittedly, there are no illustrations, but Novak has employed the use of various sizes of black typeface with expansive white space and color to highlight some of the text. This book is sure to be a crowd-pleaser, and it's perfect for one-on-one sharing with a parent or caregiver. Expect requests for repeated readings." — Michele Shaw, Quail Run Elementary School, San Ramon, CA

"Conceptually radical . . . making the refreshing and contrarian case that words alone have sensory and imaginative vibrancy to spare." — Mark Levine, The New York Times Book Review*
"This book may not have pictures, but it's sure to inspire lots of conversations and laughs . . . A riotously fresh take on breaking the fourth wall." — Kirkus, starred review
"This book is sure to be a crowd-pleaser, and it's perfect for one-on-one sharing with a parent or caregiver. Expect requests for repeated readings." — School Library Journal
"Actor Novak's expert sense of comic timing is on full display in his first picture book . . . sure to deliver big laughs." — Publishers Weekly
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"This picture book with no pictures knows a thing or two about both books and kid-friendly comedy . . . Once children get the joke, they'll want to play it on as many of their grownups as possible." — The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
"Unlike any of the children's books you read growing up." — Bustle.com
"Will have little ones laughing and finding a new appreciation for words." — Entertainment Weekly
"A perfectly-pitched tool for parental humiliation and childish glee." — The Boston Globe

This book is the worst. What a scam. My kids tricked me into reading it to them at bedtime - TWICE - and they had so much fun and laughed so hard that I have no idea how I will ever get them to fall asleep. Well played, Mr. Novak.

I ordered this book for my kindergarten nephews after reading a few recommendations on it. I must say, I'm so glad I came across this book. I did read it myself as well as to my own kids before giving it to my nephews. My kids ages 2, 7, and 11 thought it was funny to hear Mom read all kinds of funny words. They all kept giggling the whole way through this book. I think this is a great book to read to get a child interested in books who is not showing much interest on his/her own. It is also great to encourage your child to branch out and give different types of books a try. This book shows that not only traditional picture books are interesting, but hey, the actual words in the book are too!

I pre-ordered this ages ago, so it was a fun surprise to get today. A really fun read. My six-year-old (who can read) and my four-year-old (who thinks he can read) boys were laughing a lot. We read it twice in a row. I appreciate the silliness and interactive nature of the book, as well as the bigger lesson that even books without pictures can be fun. I initially rated it 4 stars because I'm kind of a stinker at giving full marks. But I'm changing it because we've been reading the book all day. My boys were so excited to make their dad read it tonight...they really felt they were playing the greatest trick on him. :) Thanks, Mr. BJ Novak!

I first saw The Book with No Pictures on a Facebook post and I thought it was so cool I just had to get it for my daughter. At first when I started reading it to her, she is almost 4, I thought that she may not like it as much as I had hoped. But once I got the hang of reading it, and was able to really get into it emotionally and use different voices and such, she really really enjoyed it! By the end of the book she was super excited and ran to tell daddy all bout the silly book with no pictures! I think this book is an awesome book to get kids to realize that books can be fun no matter if you have something to look at or not. Definitely a cute little book and I love that we added it to our book collection!~Thanx!~

This is a really fun book, but you need a good, enthusiastic reader to really sell it. This book requires that the reader make all sorts of ridiculous sounds and funny voices, so if that sounds like a real chore to you, you might not want to get this to read to your kids. But, if this sounds like a lot of fun to you, your kids are really going to enjoy hearing you read this book to them. Chances are they will try to imitate you when they are able to read it for themselves, and that is just as much fun to hear! This book is a great addition to your home library of children's books!

This is an AWESOME book! I actually got it from the library first because I wanted to know what all of the hype was about. I have a 5 and 3 year old boy and they can't get enough of this book. It is laugh out loud funny! My son actually hid this book when we were returning our library books because he didn't want to give it back! I had to buy a copy for us. My 5 year old has had us read it to him so many times that he has now memorized the entire book! It's crazy. I highly recommend this book for children and adults!

Ok so I love the idea of this book and I was very excited to get it for my 3.5 years old. The first time

we read it was quite a fun experiment and we both laughed so hard and my son absolutely loved it. Because "butt" and "monkey face"... I mean he's a three years old so it couldn't be any more perfect. Except he then asked for me to read it again. And guess what?! Once you know it's coming, monkey face isn't quite as funny any more. So this will be a hard book to read more than a couple of times for both kids and parents.

We got this book for my wife to read to her K-4th grade students. The students of all those ages LOVE the story. They think it's great that the reader has to say whatever the words say, and as long as the reader is comfortable being silly, this is a sure-fire hit! We saw this book for the first time when the author, B.J. Novak (from The Office) read it to a group of children which we saw on Youtube. I was not sure the book would get the reaction it did on the video, but it was great! Again to my surprise, it gets laughs time after time. This is a great bonding book for adults with children, and a great way to teach them that books can be fun!

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