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Hank's dad has decided to enter a crossword-puzzle tournament, and he wants to make a family road trip of it! So the family piles into the car along with Frankie and Katherine the iguana (Hank and Emily each get to bring a friend?). When they reach their destination, they'll get to spend the day at a roller-coaster park during Hank's dad's tournament! The only caveat is that Hank has a homework packet to finish before they get there . . . which he somehow manages to lose at a stop along the way. Suddenly, Hank doesn't feel so good . . . Can Hank and Frankie rescue the lost packet and get Hank on a roller coaster?

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Sue Poduska says

Hilarious, good reading, and kid friendly! Careful. You might learn something.

Kendall 11-12 says

Hank Zipzer try's to stay positive on this road trip that his dad is taking him on but he just can't seem to get the nice words out of his mouth just like me when I have nothing nice to say. I liked this book a lot. When they wear getting ready to leave to go on the road trip that was my favorite part because Hank didn't want to go but his dad was so existed about going. And sometimes I really don't want to go places but people think I do so they make me go anyways.

2 Alex E says

Ths was my favorite of the Hank Zipzer series, because he wants really badly to go to an amusement park but he has to do a homework packet first, which is really hard to do. In the end, he ends up having to go to his dad's crossword puzzle tournament

Kenna says

I read this book aloud to my 9 year old son, and we both enjoyed it. There were many parts that we both laughed out loud. I have long been a fan of Henry Wrinkler as an actor; now I am a fan of Henry Wrinkler as a children's author. This series is wonderful for boys, especially if they are reluctant readers. This will not be the only book in this series for my son and I. We have already started another one!

Evy says

All the Hank Zipzer books I find to be hilarious and exciting. If you are more of an adventure person, I suggest you pick up another series, because Hank rarely ever leaves his school (to his dismay) or bed. However, in Barfing in the Backseat: How I Survived My Family Road Trip, there is more physical adventure (walking-to, driving-to) than in the other Hank Zipzer books. There's standing up in a Crossword Competition, there's calling a Frenchman for a homework packet, there's even the walking, standing up process to trade seats with an iguana, but there is NOT the one think Hank wants: the riding of a rollercoaster. Or yet, at least.

There's something else, though: inviting one of his best friends, Frankie Townsend, to go with him on his Zipzer family road trip to go to this really exciting, terribly terrifying rollercoaster park.

I put down the Zipzer series for a while but was welcomed back with this very hilarious story of how Hank

Zipzer just barely survived his family road trip.

Kanon says

This was a funny book! This book just pulled me in on the first page. This book is about the Zipzers family on a road trip to the crossword puzzle tournament. Everyone in the family except for the parents liked the idea. The kids, (Hank and Emily) didn't like the idea at all. But his mom said that there is a rollercoaster's park there. So he called Frankie if he can come to it, and said yes! THEY WERE SO EXCITED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

They went to the last day of school before winter break. The day went out fine. When it was ten seconds before the last bell rang, Hank and Frankie, were counting down. Ten... nine... eight... seven... six... five... four... three... two... one...RRRRIINNNGGGG!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They ran outside to the yard when Mrs. Adolf called Hank. Hank was so scared because when you are called by her, something bad will happen. Hank got a homework packet that is about 1,0000 pages!!! He had to do it no matter what.

They went in the car the day after the last day of school before winter break. They went to so many places. But when they left the empty homework packet to one of the hotels, they went through so many things. Talking, screaming, and arguing. The serious argue was when Hank's dad noticed the homework packet was empty! He told him that he can't go on the rollercoaster's! It was the only reason he wanted to go on the family road trip!

Duane says

Another great book in the Hank Zipzer series by Henry Winkler. Hank finds himself on a family road trip but he can't enjoy himself completely because his dreaded teacher actually gave him homework to do on the trip! A enjoyable read.

Elizabeth says

Fun! My first attempt at Hank Zipzer. Now I can confidently recommend this series. Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver are the authors. (Yes, that Henry Winkler!) Hank is excited about the family road trip but the homework packet that is accompanying him has proved challenging. Here is a sample of the writing in the story that cracked me up:

"While Frankie got dressed, I strolled into the bathroom and found all the little bottles of free stuff they give in hotels. I love those little bottles. I jumped in the shower and washed my hair with green apple shampoo and conditioned it with a strawberry-smelling cream. I rinsed my mouth with minty mouthwash and finished off things with a peach body lotion. When I was done, I was a walking fruit cocktail."

Marblesaurus says

Different from the books before of this series, I couldn't tell where the story was heading. I even got irritated with Hank, which I rarely did. And then came the real good twist at the end. After all I liked it very much. I didn't like Hank's father much because he seems hot to understand his son's difficulties well, but in this book

we could see Hank and his father made peace and became good friends.

Owen says

Very good. Hank is going on a road trip, wich he thinks will be the best few days of his life. But things change when he gets a 900 page homework packet from his teacher, Ms. Adlof. On top of that, if he doesn't complete it by the time they get to Roller Coaster Kingdom, wich is his choise, no rides for him, and he has to go to the National Crossword Puzzle Chamionship. Plus, as the name suggests, he nearly barfs in the backseat.

LibraryLass says

This is the first of this series that I have read. Loved it! Very clever writing. Loved the whole premise of the 2 boys having major problems with lost homework and then having to deal with the consequences of lying about it.

I thought it had great humour, made me laugh out loud. It had a very easy rhythm to it. Read it in one hit.

I also loved how this boy (Hank) has a learning problem and how he explains it in words kids will relate to... Good points of interest for boys, with the mention of the huge rollercoasters. Good storyline. I liked how there were consequences to his actions and his Dad stuck to them! This is not portrayed very often in kids books.

This would be great for 8+ boys (and girls like me!)

Heather says

i feel bad for hank in this book

Victor says

I think Hank gonna get in big trouble because he left his homework in the hotel. I think because of all the excitement and the fun he forgot his packet.

Because he was so excited about going on that roller coaster so he forgot his packet.

This makes me think that Hank in that time he wasn't caring about his homework because he would've not left it in the hotel the last place. I think he should owe Frankie Townsend a lot because he gave up his basketball game his money and his vacation to help Hank.

Erin says

Hilarious! I love this series, especially for my lower-level readers. Hank's Zipzer is great: his candidness about his learning differences always makes him a sympathetic character, and his ability to see the humor in any situation makes him a fun first-person narrator! In addition, family road-trips are always a recipe for both disaster and comedy :-) ...especially when your little sister insists on bringing her iguana along for the ride, you stay overnight at a honeybee farm, and your final destination is a national crossword puzzle contest! Winkler and Oliver have partnered up to write a wonderfully enjoyable series, and this installment (#12) doesn't disappoint.

Brett says

Hank Zipzer remains sympathetic & likable, even when he does things he shouldn't.
