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Winner of: PAL Award Although Matty's art teacher has warned him that too much glue never dries, Matty loves glue. After all, he and his dad make oodles of glue projects at home. One day during art class, Matty finds the fullest bottles of glue, and the fun begins. With a squeeze and a plop, Matty pours a lake of glue before belly-flopping right in the middle and finds himself stuck to the desk. When Matty's dad arrives at the school, instead of being mad, he celebrates his son's creativity and calls him a work of art. With vibrant language and artwork and a wild, silly plot, Too Much Glue is sure to appeal to all children who love to get messy.

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Tracy Morton says

Funny and as we all know, it is very true that little kids love glue!

Kelly Bolduc says

If you ask Matty, he'll tell you that you can never have enough glue. You can make anything with glue, even glasses! So while in art class, Matty decides more glue is exactly what he needs. After covering his entire work area in glue he realizes something is missing... HIM. His teacher and classmates spend the entire school day trying to un-glue Matty, and they try every idea they can think of. In the end Matty becomes a walking piece of art that, thankfully, crumbles off him on his way home from school.

Brigitte Brulz says

I'm guilty of using glue dots or glue sticks instead of glue bottles or saying "dot, dot, not a lot" when doing projects that require glue with little ones. As a result, I was intrigued by this book. This was a silly book about a boy who loves to use a lot of glue, which leads to some funny results. I loved the teacher's expressions throughout the book as the other children try to remedy the situation to no avail. The nurse's response also made me laugh. At the end, I liked the different items that the main character was able to create with his parents using something other than glue. Hopefully, little ones won't get any ideas about creating their own "glue masterpiece" the same way the boy in this book did. With that being said, this book could be a great segway into fun crafts/projects with little ones at home.

Tina says

This is a cute little picture book, but while the story is adorable, the art is the star. Right from the front cover you can't help but find the main star adorable. He's open-jawed with wonder and fun with being a sticky glued-up mess. As the story goes he just keeps getting happier, while the teacher shows that she really shouldn't be teaching afterall. Overall a fun book, but not one I'm going to run out and add to my personal collection.

Carol says

A delightful tale about a little boy who can't follow the art teacher's rules and uses too much glue. A great take on encouraging creativity and messy art projects.

Recommended

Debby says

My class loves this book! Even though i warn them all the time about using too much glue, they always look at me like what could happen if i use too much? This book shows them why we should use a little bit of glue instead of rain puddles.

Bea Charmed says

Silly, cute, and fun.

A silly, sweet and fun story about a boy whose creative streak is strong, his parents who encourage him, the teacher who doesn't quite understand, and his classmates who help him. The illustrations are delightful and provide much of the story.

Barbara says

Matty has a thing about glue, and despite his teacher's admonitions, he creates a stick mess. But like a fly stuck in a spider's web, he cannot get out of the glue lake he creates and sinks into. Nothing seems to work since there is too much glue to dry until he and his classmates find a solution. While being somewhat amused by Matty's pranks, I felt sorry for his poor teacher as she panics, hyperventilates, and can't figure out what to do. Readers will love the last page in which the family follows the principal's suggestion to eschew glue in favor of tape, which they do, using lots of duck tape. The Photoshop illustrations have been created with brushes to bring this messy experience to life. Many young readers will enjoy Matty's hijinks since there's simply something about glue that fascinates them.

Kristina Jean Lareau says

I feel like this story was built around the "zinger" on the last line. I was excited to read a story that truly addresses the child's need to USE SO MUCH GLUE. And while it was amusing, this title did not fill that void. The illustrations were rendered using Photoshop which I found to be rather impressive.

Plethora says

Those of us that grew up when paste was still around followed by the orange tipped glue in the classroom would probably get a kick-out of this. Seems like now days classrooms are filled with boring glue sticks. Admit it, did you use to spread glue on your hand and let it dry to see how big of a piece you could peel off?

This book would likely cause some parents to hyperventilate at the thought of what goes on with a big ooey gooey pile of glue. They can join the teacher in the book that has to sit down and breathe into a paper bag.

Storywraps says

Check out that cover! Check out that face! That face is emanating pure heaven. That face belongs to Matty and glue makes him euphoric! At home, he and his dad make glue glasses, glue mustaches and even glue castles, while mom mans the glue gun. Now today at school his teacher is inviting the kids to design their own gluey creation and boy does Matty know how to do that. He's an expert. Easy peasy! Where's that glue - I am ready? That's another great thing about the book, it is told in the first person, through the eyes of Matty, which I love.

He ignores the teacher's warning regarding the proper use of the glue. She tells the kids to glue raindrops, not puddles, but Matty whose mind is already in glue-overdrive seeks out the fullest bottle he can find and starts pouring it on...er...out! He squeezes out a lake of the stuff and then adds sequins, sparklers and other countless add-ons. Matty checks out his art project and decides to add on one more thing.....himself! He is just what is needed to make his masterpiece perfect! He's the final touch. He does run into a bit of problem when he discovers he may be a permanent fixture. He cannot remove himself from his work of art. He is totally stuck, unable to peel himself away. The teacher, (who is hyperventilating by now), his classmates, the school nurse and even the school principal are unable to detach him ... he is a 3-D phenomenon rising right out of his creation. Dad arrives and saves the day. Without scolding or getting angry dad surprises everyone with his response to the dilemma.

The illustrations are absolutely perfect. They are colourful, vibrant, expressive and full of action. This hilarious book will have you in stitches and eager to read it again and again. This is Lefebvre's debut novel and I hope by now is well into the writing of his second. You will love this book for sure and have your kids asking, "Is there any glue in our house?"

Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

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Matty is part of a very adventurous family, so when the art teacher tells him to be careful with the glue, he can't help but use all the glue he can get his hands on. And for the final decoration he adds – himself! Now however, the glue is not dry and its almost time to go home. His friends try all kind of creative solutions to free him, but nothing seems to work. What will Matty's Dad say when he comes to pick him up.

Now – you can take this book two ways. You can revel in the silliness of the story or you can be mad at the ineffective adults and the seeming lack of visible parenting skills. I choose to celebrate the goofiness of it all and enjoy the mess that Matty got himself into and his dad's creative solution to the problem.

Pre-K, EL (K-3) – ADVISABLE. Cindy, Library Teacher
<http://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017/...>

Judy Lindow says

Kids will love the book. Make it clear you're not endorsing the behavior. It will make them laugh - because really a lot of us can identify with our scientific and sensual fascination of glue (of all kinds), glue guns, goggly eyes, and tape. The big comic pictures are colorful and funny. OK for preK-kinder. My opinion.

Yep. Many to most kids love glue. Many like to make pools of it, play with it, get it all over the furniture, and themselves. It costs extra money to do this, and extra time (lots) for the teachers and janitors to clean up. If kids are lucky enough to have the funds for art materials, and and/or an art teacher and the time to do art - the 1 or 2 kids playing around distracts and annoys the other kids who want to do art. Of course there are the silent kids (5 yo and younger) that are simply learning and discovering the properties of glue and learning how to use it. Some older kids see this is a ripe opportunity to grab the class's attention and not do the work.

So yes, the fascination with glue, tape, goggly eyes is real and endearing to many kids. And sure, the parents do often share and support this fascination but usually don't provide the funds for the waste or tolerate the cleanup required at home. Lastly, what works at home with one to a few kids, supervised, does not always translate to a class where they are expected to be more self-directed and supervision is more difficult with of 21 or more students.

Susan says

The illustrations in this book are great, and at first it seems like a cute story. But I'd never choose it for a kid. For one thing, there's the image it paints of Matty's art teacher as totally incompetent, who hyperventilates while the kids in the classroom essentially run wild. Mom also doesn't know what to do, so it's Dad who saves the day. I just think some of those impressions may not be good ones to encourage.

Julie says

What a great book to use when introducing glue as a material in the art room using guided discovery.
