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A fast, fun, friendship read from the Newbery-award winning author of *Maniac Magee*.

Plumstead Middle School is full of secret plans. Eddie is on a mission to bulk up--he's sick of being the skinniest, scrawniest, runtiest kid in school. Sunny is plotting something that will keep the school bullies from ever bothering her again. Salem is trying to figure out who sent her that mysterious valentine message in the school newspaper. And Pickles has been building his greatest invention yet--and it's almost time to unveil it.

Picklemania Details

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From Reader Review Picklemania for online ebook

Susan says

I like the School Daze books by Spinelli. They're cute, funny, and usually have some things to think about--like how to treat friends, not to judge people, and what to do about bullies. This is on a 4th grade reading level.

Josiah says

"That's life, kid. Some people you listen to, the rest you kick in the shins."

—Bobo, *Picklemania*, P. 69

Jerry Spinelli really puts a lot of writing effort into these *School Daze* books, and it clearly shows in the high quality of plot that each of the four books consistently demonstrates.

Picklemania, the last of the *School Daze* books to be published, is a story with a lot of heart, written with a great deal of sensitivity to the characters and their individual emotions. Most of the time it seems that books of this type are like a painting done with a single broad brushstroke, but *Picklemania*, and the other *School Daze* entries, are more along the lines of an etching, with careful attention paid to the small details and nuances of the work. That, alone, is impressive.

I wouldn't expect a book like this to linger in my mind, but this book *does*. It is a very good story that is absolutely worth the time to read, and I would give it my recommendation and a two-and-a-half-star rating.

Nancy says

Funny.

Amber the Human says

So, there's a book that comes before this one that's about the Pickle gang. But the LA library system doesn't have it. So I just grabbed this one. It is hard, because the reader is thrown in as if we've met these characters before. But it's still pretty charming.

H says

My favorite gang of four and their antics and funny yet touching in many ways and just a lot of fun and relateable in many ways too and I enjoyed many characters too.

Sarah says

Read it as a kid. Loved this series!

Nina Pantelic says

Try reading this aloud to your friends and have them not laugh.

Jackie says

In Jerry Spinelli's *Picklemania*, four 6th grade friends experience Valentine's Day in a unique way. Sunny, Salem, Pickles, and Eddie baby-sit for Bobo's (their bus driver) three kids with very surprising results. Salem is sure she has a secret admirer, but the joke is on her when their teacher, Miss Billups and Bobo explain the mix-up that had Salem believing in a certain 8th grader's Valentine message. A silly, humorous story of middle school antics.

Deborah Harris says

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Accelerated Reader Quiz Type Information AR Quiz Types: RP, VP

Gabby says

This was not one of my favorite books but it was pretty entertaining. If you like mysteries there were a lot in here.

Shayla says

As I have to say before every review of a Jerry Spinelli book: I love Jerry Spinelli. A lot.

This book was so fun and adorable and just such a delight, like all the other books in the School Daze series. I'm really sad that it's over and am honestly tempted to just straight up write fanfiction for it, though I could never come up with the stuff Spinelli does.

My favorite things about this one:

1. Pickles Johnson. My favorite thing about every book in the series. What a character. He's very Spinelli-esque, the kind of character you have to love. I mean, come on, Pickles? The greatest nickname out there. I just love that kid.

2. The pickle posse's friendship. It's so interesting how different all these characters are, yet their little squad still makes so much sense. The whole time I was reading I was like "I hope and pray to God that these fictional 11 year olds stayed best friends forever, through high school and onward. It was all very pure and enduring. I wish I could go back to the day I went to Jerry Spinelli's author talk and book signing because he talked a lot about how he writes kids so well in his stories, and I still can't quite understand how he does it.

3. Why does he know exactly what having a crush is like for an 11 year old girl? It was really entertaining thinking of an old man writing that stuff for Salem's Valentine's Day plot, which I hardcore related to.

I have 0 complaints about this entire series, not even a minor one. It's perfect. Jerry Spinelli if you're reading this you're perfect and don't ever change!!!!

Jessica says

An excellent ending to the Plumstead series. I love these kids and think it would be a lot of fun to have them in my classroom. Love is in the air, with Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, and this time the focus is not on Eddie's obsession with Sunny. Salem gets struck by cupid's arrow and her 11 year old girl plight rings true. Cute and funny. This is the best book in the series, after the first.

Shelley says

Cute book! I especially liked how good the four friends were to each other.

Amy Bruestle says

I barely remember this book...so I can't say much, although you can't go wrong with a Jerry Spinelli book!

Hailey Layug says

This is one amazing book. It was a non-stop page turning book. So many like 'what's gonna happen next?' or 'WHY?WHY?' from me. That twist at the end was just mind blowing. I recommend this to every kid in middle grade or elementary.
