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*New York Times* bestselling author

Teddy Fitzroy returns as FunJungle's resident sleuth when the zoo's newest addition goes missing—before she even arrives!—in the latest novel in *New York Times* bestselling author Stuart Gibbs's FunJungle series.

FunJungle is frenzied, awaiting the arrival of its most thrilling animal yet—Li Ping—a rare and very expensive giant panda that the zoo went to enormous lengths to secure. But when the truck transporting Li Ping shows up, its precious cargo has vanished into thin air. The FBI steps in to investigate, and Teddy is happy to leave the job in their (supposedly) capable hands. After all, FunJungle has never encountered a crime this serious.

But when someone threatens to blackmail Teddy's girlfriend, Summer, if he doesn't solve the crime, his involvement in this mystery is no longer black and white.

## Panda-monium Details

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## Ethan Anderson says

Another amazing FunJungle installment, I had to wait a year and a half for this book, but I am glad that I was one of the first people in the world to read it!!

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## Luke Bounds says

Panda-monium by Stuart Gibbs.

In this realistic fiction/mystery book, a zoo called FunJungle in Texas is going to revive their very own giant panda bear! (which is a really big deal) There are hundreds and hundreds of people all around the world waiting to see this majestic creature. The panda will come out of a specially designed truck trailer with a doctor in it to watch the panda. When they open it up, the doctor is asleep tied up and the panda is gone. By the doctor there is a ransom note saying \$10,000,000 or your panda is dead. This is the biggest pandemonium ever!

At FunJungle, there is a boy named Teddy. He and his family lives and works at the zoo. Teddy has a secret girlfriend named Summer who's dad owns FunJungle and is very wealthy and famous. Summer is very wealthy and famous. Summer and Teddy are very nice people and are always willing to help other people. Teddy also has a reputation of solving other mysteries at FunJungle in the previous books. Teddy and Summer want to help find the panda but the FBI tells them to stay away from this investigation, which they obviously didn't listen to. So now it is up to Teddy and Summer to solve this mystery of the panda-monium crisis.

I would definitely recommend this book to people that love animals and like mystery books. I really love pandas and I think it is just a great and fun read.

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## Jaz says

Pandamonium is a novel about a panda named Li Ping, a rare yet expensive panda, who was getting traveled and moved to a zoo but when opening the truck the panda was traveling in the crate vanished and now the FBI and secret agents must work long and hard to find Li Ping.

The theme of the story is to never give up and don't give up on what you believe in and don't put a price on love.

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## Katherine J says

*"I'm ready," I said, tossing my towel into my locker, Summer did the same thing, and we ran for the front gates of FunJungle.  
If I had known how big a disaster the panda's arrival was going to be, I would have stayed in the pool.*

Overall Starred Rating: 5/5

Oh my god. This series is literally the most underrated series in the histories of series. To be honest, I loved this series much more than Stuart Gibbs' other series, such as *Spy School* or *Space Case* (which I still loved).

I found the characters in this book quite unique, like how J.J. McCracken is not how you would picture a regular rich businessman, and I liked how it kind of relieved some present-day stereotypes, such as what a rich man's daughter would be like.

There were also some social relations to the present-day media and how it affects young celebrities' lives, such as (view spoiler)There was also a weak attempt of adding, I have to say, a really dull anti-bullying theme. It was just so ridiculous that Gibbs would add such a cheesy scene to an issue that really had no influence on the story.

So that's that. JUST READ THE BOOK AND YOUR LIFE WILL BE COMPLETE.

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### **Tammi Drevers says**

I have said it before and I will say it again..... will some rich person please read this series and build this zoo. I love this series. Perfect for animal lovers, mystery fans, and humor enthusiasts.

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

Gibbs, Stuart *Panda-monium* (FunJungle #4), 337 pages. Simon, 2017. \$17. Language: G; Mature Content: PG (dolphin strips off people's shorts); Violence: G.

FunJungle and panda fans are over the moon that a panda is being loaned to them by the Chinese government and another zoo. When the truck arrives, however – no panda! Who kidnapped the precious panda and how did they pull it off? It is up to Teddy to solve the mystery, even if he doesn't want to step on the FBI's toes, before FunJungle is ruined, the panda starves to death, and before the Chinese government declares this an international incident.

Because of the considerations of the panda's health, the timeline for the action in the book was severely compressed. I don't know if Large Marge suddenly becoming Teddy's ally signals the end to the series, but I certainly hope not! Gibbs masterfully crafts mysteries of all sorts and I can't wait to read even more!

EL, MS - ESSENTIAL. Cindy, Library Teacher  
<http://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017/...>

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## Isabella says

Stuart Gibbs has created another mystery adventure that shows that even kids can do big things in life. Panda-monium is all about two kids named Summer (14) and Teddy (13) who must solve the case of the missing panda. But when the FBI try to stop them and get all of the glory to themselves, they have a different plan.

Teddy and Summer's parents work at a zoo called FunJungle and things are getting pretty crazy because FunJungle is getting a new panda! Summer's dad, who is in charge at FunJungle, want to make sure that this draws in business. Everyone in town has been waiting for this panda for months coming to FunJungle hoping that the panda would be there. But when the panda arrives in a trailer, it is missing! Teddy is asked to try to solve the case, but the FBI come and take away his spotlight. Teddy tries to stay away, but things do not go as planned.

I would definitely recommend this book because it is filled with mystery and adventure. One thing that I was not a big fan of in the book was how some parts were hard to keep up with, but I still enjoyed the fact that there were clues hidden throughout the book. This book is about 300 pages so it could be a quick read or a not so quick read depending on your reading pace. But if you like mystery, adventure, and pandas, I would recommend this book to you.

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## Jack Carl says

Panda-monium was a really great book. It starts off when Teddy Fitzroy and pretty much 1/4 of the United States goes to Funjungle to see the arrival of Li Ping, Funjungles new panda! When Teddy goes to the truck with the Funjungle staff, they are appalled to see that the vet and panda are missing! Then the FBI comes to Funjungle and takes the case. Teddy is soon to be blackmailed into helping the security guard, Marge, solve the case to shame her sister who is with the FBI. He does some snooping around in the FBI van and sees a suspect. While in the van, he is caught and slightly discouraged by the FBI, but keeps on snooping. He is asked by an old lady what type of bamboo Li Ping eats and he finds out that she has a collection of exotic pets. Soon after he is confronted by a guy in a Li Ping costume who is holding a gun to him.

He barely escapes by kicking the person and running off. Soon the FBI arrests the suspect that he saw and he thinks the case is over. Suddenly, when he is by the polar bear exhibit, the same guy in the panda costume throws him in the polar bear exhibit! Right as he's about to get eaten, the security guard, Marge swoops in and saves him. They then pursue the man in the panda costume and Marge is fired for reckless driving. After, she is rehired because Teddy realizes that the old lady that he talked to had the panda! They go to his house where they rescue the panda!

This book belongs to the Funjungle series. It is geared to 10-12-year-olds because it is really funny and has a lot of action and adventure. This book isn't that long but isn't that short. It has enough action so you don't get bored but it doesn't have a lot of everything else so it doesn't drone on and on.

The plot is basically Li Ping and the vet go missing so Teddy sets out to find them before they get killed. The FBI fly in and take the case but Teddy investigates anyway. He is almost killed by a man in a panda costume twice and finds Li Ping being hoarded by a rich old lady.

Some problems the main character faced are Li Ping and the vet go missing and Teddy has to save them before they die. Another problem is he is almost killed by a fake panda bear two times and he is blackmailed to help someone. The characters are in other books and throughout the series, you can see how they've changed. Teddy went from a kid living in a trailer to dating a billionaire's daughter. He goes from being almost a nobody to having solved many crimes that some even the FBI couldn't solve!

This book is worth reading because it has really interesting characters and really interesting ideas. It also has really interesting themes and overall it is just a really interesting book! The reader will think long after they read the book about the characters and some (like me) will want to be Teddy or go to Funjungle. It's like every person after the Harry Potter series. You always want to go to Hogwarts and be a wizard.

Panda-monium is set in the present. No scenes take place in the past or future. The author uses great detail and I am able to have a crystal clear image of what Funjungle looks like. I can imagine the polar bear exhibit and the whole panda truck and pretty much any part that he describes. He did a great job detailing the story.

This book towers over a lot of the books I've read. Especially because I had been waiting for this series to get a new book for a long time. Finally, when the book was published, I was overjoyed and couldn't wait to read it. I also love this book because the writing style is unique. I smiled on the first page because of the writing style and it just makes me feel way more complete. That's why I love this book.

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### **Yapha says**

In this fourth FunJungle mystery, the zoo is expecting delivery of a Giant Panda that they have been allowed to host. Unfortunately, when the truck arrives, neither Li Ping nor Doc are inside. This is not just a problem for FunJungle, it has the potential to turn into an international incident since all Giant Pandas are considered the property of the Chinese government. Not trusting the FunJungle security team (since they have done such a great job in the past), the FBI is called in and Teddy is asked to stay away from the investigation. But the head of the FBI team is none other than Marge O'Malley's sister. The sisters are polar opposites. Marge blackmails Teddy into investigating, hoping to put her sister in her place. Alternating between hilarious escapades and imminent danger, fans of the FunJungle series will be glued to the unfolding mystery. I suggest reading the books in order for the greatest appreciation. Recommended for grades 3 and up.

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### **Anthony says**

This story had a very good premise. Although the plot was very similar to Poached, the intensified danger in this one made it a little more interesting to read. As usual, the fourth novel in the FunJungle series set up a secondary plot in addition to the main plot, but ended up solving it on its own without giving the audience a chance to help, which I feel was one of the most interesting parts of the FunJungle novels. Instead, Teddy figures out the whole thing on his own with what appears to be a barely recognizable premise, and only manages to find out that that was the truth via a culprit confessing as soon as the interrogators walk in the room. I noticed this pattern of worsening books with Big Game, in which the poacher's identity seemed completely pulled out of nowhere. In fact, Panda-monium brought up Li Ping's kidnapper once at the beginning before it was all put together at the end. This frustrated me, as there were plenty of other

characters getting more spotlight that could have been revealed as the murderer. For example, Teddy's father is revealed to be a monkeywrencher, but no further detail is given to this.

A plot that I did like was the redemption of Marge and the introduction of her commanding and much more charismatic older sister. All in all, however, although the first half of the book was great, the second half began to let me down (besides Marge's redemption) and has set a low bar for the 5th FunJungle book, which I am eagerly looking forward to.

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## **Becky B says**

FunJungle is buzzing with the anticipation of Li Ping's arrival. They've worked really hard to get a panda. But when the truck arrives from San Diego, it's empty. Li Ping and Doc are missing. Even weirder, everyone in the cab swears they heard absolutely nothing and one of the drivers personally locked Li Ping and the Doc in the back after their last pit stop. Because all pandas are owned by China, the panda-knapping is an international incident and the FBI soon arrives to take over the case. Even though Teddy is bound and determined to leave this one in the hands of the professionals, he can't help but notice little pieces of evidence. But surely the FBI will notice those things too, right? Besides, he has his own case to solve. Who has been teaching the dolphins to pants people swimming with them?

I've come to expect a lot from FunJungle books and this didn't disappoint. It's got a smart mystery (really two, this time), some fun adventures at the zoo, interpersonal adventures amongst Teddy and his friends and the zoo staff, and well-researched animal facts. Another great one from Gibbs. FunJungle is starting to get some avid fans at our school, so kids are super excited to have a new Teddy Fitzroy mystery in their hands.

Notes on content: No language issues. No sexual content though there is some nudity alluded to when the dolphins pants some people (it's just awkward, not lewd). Violence is threatened but no one gets seriously hurt.

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## **Diane says**

"I almost missed all the mayhem with the giant panda because a dolphin stole my bathing suit."

Teddy Fitzroy is back in another FunJungle adventure ... and this time it could be a federal crime he's solving. The buzz is about Li Ping, the new panda that FunJungle is getting, on loan, from China. The excitement has been building to a fever pitch. And then, while the Panda was being transported to Texas, it disappears ... along with the Doc, who was riding along with Li Ping. Another PR nightmare ... and another failure by Large Marge and the rest of the security team.

To make matters worse, when they do call in the FBI, the lead agent on the case is no other than Molly O'Malley, Marge's sister. Could this get any worse? As the investigation heats up, clues start pointing toward the Nature Freedom Forces (NFF), a pro animal conservation organization.

But Teddy starts his own investigation, though he has been told to stay away. As his pieces start to come together, he moves ever closer to danger. After all, someone in a panda costume has already threatened him. But nothing could be worse than what happened before, right? Ending up in a shark tank? But you can never

guess what desperate criminals might do to protect their secret. Let's just say, it's not good for Teddy's health.

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## **Jackson says**

This book, Panda-monium, was the fourth book of one of my favorite series. I was very excited to get my hands on it, and after reading it, I knew it was worth the wait!

Panda-monium takes place in a zoo named FunJungle, and this place is very lucky because they have been selected from the Chinese government to take care of one of the Earth's rarest animals, a panda. The panda had been prepared for at least six months to travel from China to FunJungle. This event was very historical for the zoo and the main character, Teddy Fitzroy. In the first three books of the FunJungle series, Teddy is known for solving a lot of mysteries within FunJungle. So when word came out that a panda was coming to the zoo, he was very excited, along with other visitors of the zoo coming to watch the huge event. But, when the trailer that was supposed to be carrying the panda, named Li-Ping, showed up, the panda wasn't there. The news quickly got out and Teddy was on the case, but soon his investigation got shut down by the FBI. At first, Teddy was happy to get away from the situation because he needed a break from solving mysteries. But later, he jumped right back in after confronting a fellow FunJungle employee. So, will Teddy figure out the case, or not? To me, the end was very surprising!

I personally rate it 4.5 stars out of 5. The book was action-packed and always made you want to keep reading to figure out what each and every clue meant. My favorite part of the whole book was at the very end when Teddy explains how all of his clues could lead to the enemy. My guess of who the culprit was was very different than Teddy's. It is incredible how he does it. He is doubted by many people as well, which I think is impressive. Though, my only criticism is that it makes it difficult to make you put the book down because the chapters ended in such a way that made you so curious that you needed to keep on reading. (It really does work.)

I recommend this book to any person who likes mystery or action books. Even if you just like mysteries in general, I think this a great book for you. I highly recommend you add this to your reading list and I can't wait to read book five which is hinted at the end of this book.

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## **Ms. Yingling says**

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When the refrigerated truck delivering the new panda to the zoo where Teddy lives arrives empty, the authorities don't know what to do. Not only is the much anticipated panda missing, but the vet sent to take care of it has been kidnapped as well. The driver of the rig, as well as Marge, who was sent for security, heard nothing of the apparent explosion that left burn marks on the door. This is a huge catastrophe for the zoo, since all pandas really belong to China, and the zoo was responsible for the panda's well being. It's also a public relation nightmare, since many panda fans have shown up at the zoo. Teddy, along with Summer McCracken, the daughter of the zoo's owner, know that something is up. Even with federal authorities chiming in (including Marge's much more polished sister), no one can figure out what has happened to Li-Ping until Teddy puts together all of his observations and is able to locate the missing animal.

Strengths: This had a couple of good twists, continued fun with Summer, and some interesting interactions with the dolphins that added a secondary mystery.

Weaknesses: This had one similarity to Poached--Li-Ping needs special bamboo in the same way the koala needed eucalyptus, and this was the main clue that helped Teddy figure out who had the panda. You'd think



the adults would know to use this clue.

What I really think: These are always enjoyable, and the covers are very appealing. A great series that is very popular with my mystery and humor fans!

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## **Mark Baker says**

FunJungle has been granted the right to add a panda to its zoo, and Teddy is on hand for the big day when Li Ping arrives. However, the truck she was traveling in is empty. The FBI quickly swoops in, but Teddy still gets drawn into the case. Can he figure out what happened to the panda?

Fans of this series are in for another fantastic read. A sub-plot involving the dolphins only add to the fun, and the pages fly by all too quickly. There is danger, red herrings, clues, and laughs before we reach the end and see how all the pieces fit perfectly. Plus it's fun to see a different side to a couple of the characters here.

Read my full review at [Carstairs Considers](#).

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