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From Reader Review Bonaparte Falls Apart for online ebook

Micha O'Connor says

A darling tale of friendship and confidence featuring some of your favorite monsters. Skeleton, Bonaparte, is falling apart- quite literally. He's apprehensive about attending school and how the others might react to his dilemma. Friends Franky Stein, Blacky Widow, and Mummicula try their best to remedy his situation in the ways they know best. Alas, none of their methods work. This book abounds with bone-afide wordplay and is accompanied by sparse pencil drawings by Will Terry. Recommended.

GooseberryCompote says

Lots of bone puns.

You are still worthy of respect and fun even if your bones are always falling off. Apparently, there are service dogs available for that.

GinaRose Cristello says

Soooo cute. And a great book for little ones going to school for the first time. All about being unafraid to be you!

Meg - A Bookish Affair says

"Bonaparte Falls Apart" is the adorable story of a little skeleton who is a little different: he falls apart whenever he walks or tries to play with his friends. His friends try the best to put Bonaparte back together again but nothing works. Eventually Bonaparte realizes that it's okay to be himself, flaws and all, and finds a cute dog buddy to help him when the going gets tough at school.

Looking for a not scary book perfect for Halloween? This is it. The illustrations are adorable. The story is upbeat and uplifting. It also has a really good message. My girls were in love with the little dog in the book. This is a great story to share with the whole family!

Shelly says

Haha!

Kendall says

This was cute. The illustrations are cute. Bonaparte keeps dropping bones from his own skeleton here and there and is worried that children at school will make fun of him, so his friends try different areas of their

skills to help him out. Unfortunately, nothing works until Bonaparte finds a friendly dog who will fetch his bones for him. This would be perfect for a young child with a support animal or any child who fears school or is worried about making new friends. Teaches the value of friendship and accepting help when you need it. Could be read during Halloween but not specific to the holiday.

McKenzie Richardson says

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I picked this book up from the library to read with a little girl I work with who loves spooky things. It's so nice to find books featuring monsters and such that aren't necessarily Halloween-themed. This could be read during Halloween, but doesn't actually have anything to do with the holiday outside of the adorable monster-ish characters. Nice book on friendship.

I can definitely see kids loving the hilarious illustrations of Bonaparte losing his bones during various activities. Such a fun and creative take on life as a skeleton.

Based on the title, I assumed the book would rhyme. I was a little disappointed that it didn't, but it was still well-written with an interesting story.

There are some good lessons in this one such as accepting help when you need it, thinking outside the box, and not giving up.

Cute book overall.

SamZ says

Super cute. Could also be used to discuss disabilities; especially if a student has a service animal.

OpenBookSociety.com says

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Review:

Bonaparte is a little skeleton boy who seems to be having trouble keeping his bones in place. School is starting soon and Bonaparte doesn't know what to do to solve his problem. Bonaparte's friend, Franky Stein, tries helping him by glueing and screwing his bones together with no success. Bonaparte's friend Blacky Widow helps him out by spinning and pinning a web around him, but it fails to work, as well. Lastly, Bonaparte get help from Mummicula who wraps him up, but forgets something really important, and fails that attempt.

Bonaparte is feeling sad because school will start in no time and he can't keep himself together, but when he and his friends see something that might just work, they take the opportunity to try it out.

Bonaparte Falls Apart is a wonderful and entertaining children's book to read and admire the detailed artwork. It demonstrates that with teamwork, one can solve any obstacle that might challenge one's goals. In the story, Bonaparte is worried about how he will manage when school starts, but with the help of his friends he overcomes his difficulties and is ready to go back to school.

Bonaparte Falls Apart is a good and non-difficult book to read for children. It has a great story, message, and illustrations. A book I definitely recommend.

OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review

Vera Godley says

As many know, I simply do not participate in Halloween. When I saw the book Bonaparte Falls Apart, I almost skipped past it. I read the promo for the story and decided to give it a try. After reading the story and looking at the pictures, I'm convinced that this is NOT a Halloween story at all. This is simply a story about a fear of going to school when one has physical issues that embarrass.

Told in an unforgettably funny way it recounts the many ways poor bony Bonaparte simply loses one piece (or rather bone) after another. His friends try to help him past this by various means and they all fail. A "service" dog is introduced and becomes the key to Bonaparte's managing to hold it all together.

The puns and play on words are simply hilarious. Of course, young children will most likely miss these but parents will have a truly fun time reading. And it is a good opportunity to help the little ones learn a bit of fun with words, too.

I think the illustrations are fun and well done. Not that I like scary creatures and Frankenstein type characters, even though they are nice and charming. This is simply a fun book and a subtle lesson in helping others and incorporating a helper or "service" dog.

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Grant Fontenot says

Adorable. Great for Halloween or first day of school anxieties.

Calista says

This looks really cute. The nephew loved all the monster pictures. And, this book has some great use of puns that made me chuckle so I gave it an extra star for the good use of puns. This is a book for beginning readers. My nephew loved this and he gave it 4 stars. While I felt this was a little (or a lot) bland.

The story is simple, Bonaparte the skeleton keeps falling apart and he is afraid of losing pieces during school so his friends Franky Stein, the Mummy and the Black Widow try and help him come up with a solution and nothing seems to work. They figure something out.

Heidi says

Bonaparte fears going to school when he is constantly losing body parts. A valid fear when you are a skeleton. Bonaparte's friends try to help him come up with a solution, but their efforts fall short. Glue proves to make it hard to move, spider webbing causes great tangling, and mummy wrappings make it hard to see. But when the friends see a dog carrying a bone down the street, a new idea comes to life. This is a cute story about friendship and problem-solving, rather unconventional problem-solving it's true, but for an unconventional problem. The illustrations are fun and appealing. This story works well for a beginning of school story as well as a Halloween story.

Krys says

Excellent back-to-school/new school themed picture book featuring your favourite classic little monsters. Bonaparte keeps falling apart and his friends problem solve to keep him together. Examines early childhood anxieties about self and being new to school in a way that is both warm, humorous, and uplifting. Plus the illustrations are mega-cute. Perfect for the year-round Halloween kid.

Alicia says

Ever seen a skeleton with a "service dog"? No? You really should. They're a perfect match. And I *love* what Bonaparte names his pup. This book is cute and clever - super funny and punny. Kids will love all the silly details. Also, I love that it has Halloween-ish characters but never mentions Halloween so it can be used for a wider range of programs.

