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*Comic book geek, deviser of crazy schemes, genius (according to him)—Kit Feeny is here!*

Kit Feeny is moving and losing his best friend! Who will help Kit make things out of cheeseballs? Who will he go ninja fishing with? Will Kit end up all by himself, a lonesome hobo eating cold beans for dinner? Join Kit as he mostly figures this all out in his very first totally stupid and completely awesome adventure!

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## From Reader Review Kit Feeny: On the Move for online ebook

### Erica says

Kit moves to a new school. He dearly misses his best friend and looks for a replacement for his best friend. After being bullied at school about his flowery tropical shirt, he comes to realize that he won't be able to replace his friend but he can make new friends. He makes a new friend who comes to school in a flowery tropical shirt one day. And then figures out that by giving the bully good jokes he can stop the bully from picking on him, a plot twist that didn't work for me and seemed really implausible.

A simple two-color graphic novel for the middle elementary-age set. Boys will like Kit and his friends.

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### Mary Ann says

I liked the way that it showed how hard it is to move and make new friends. I also really liked the ending, where Kit helps the school bus bully write jokes. But I'm not a fan of the small format - I wish it was bigger, and so the text and pictures didn't seem so crowded. I read this aloud with my kindergartner (a girl), and she really liked the humor and friendship, but this would definitely appeal to boys as well.

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### Pinky says

Just OK. In this first book Kit's family moves from the country to the city. Not as clever as Captain Underpants or Squish, but has been out for a while. Don't like the "awesome and stupid" catchphrase or most of the stereotypical and manipulative behaviors of both Kit and his sisters, but I'm sure this fills a niche for gross-out humor JUV graphic novels.

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### Allison says

Townsend, Michael Kit Feeny: On the Move 96 pgs. Knopf Books for Young Readers Language~G; Sexual Content~G Violence~G

Kit Feeny is a funny kid. In the first of several episodic chapters we meet Kit and his friend Arnold. Kit's family is moving. Kit and Arnold devise a plan to move Arnold with the rest of Kit's stuff. In the end Arnold is taken back home. These characters and their humor are reminiscent of Diary of a Wimpy Kid. This graphic novel series will be a popular addition to any library.

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### Erin Reilly-Sanders says

At last a book that actually seems funny! As a graphic novel, it's somewhat lacking in the quality of art

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category, but I think that the casual, messy, almost ugly feel to the drawings is entirely appropriate to the material and age level. The illustration feels somewhat immature with a very simplistic style and pretty crude facial expressions. However, the book makes up for the art with enthusiasm, simple jokes, and a likable hero backed by a little bit of story about moving, making friends, and bullying with a nice but not hit-you-over-the-head morals. I think that Kit Feeny has some of the appeal of Diary of a Wimpy Kid but without the extra text and appropriate to younger audiences. I also think that Kit is a lot nicer person than Greg, not that he's at all a saint but the humour is not based about treating other people badly so that Kit can learn from his mistakes when necessary. While, the book is certainly a boy book, I enjoyed it a lot as a girl, although likely because I was able to get past the stereotyped sisters and mother who run around in floor-length dresses. I think the dress code is due to the artist's lack of ability to convey gender via facial structure and at least doesn't depict through body shape by giving each female little breasts. The female characters are dull, uninteresting, and are portrayed as antagonists primarily concerned with how beautiful they look and smell, in that they antagonize the main character. But Kit Feeny is certainly a fun little read if the art style and the female characters don't turn you off.

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### **Hilary says**

Kit Feeny has moved and is attempting to find a replacement for his best friend Arnold. He's looking for someone who loves graphic novels, bouncy balls, cheese sculptures, and general mischief making. Laugh out loud hilarious - Kit Feeny is Baby Mouse for boys and totally entertaining.

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### **Dolly says**

We discovered this graphic novel at our local library and the girls thought it looked interesting. They both read it really quickly and liked it. They certainly could empathize with the "new kid in town" feeling. I thought it was a fun, fast read that was more targeted to boys. I wasn't a big fan of Kit's refrain of "stupid awesome," but since it was not targeted at an individual, I let it go. The narrative is filled with dialogue and the black and white illustrations have orange tinting and backgrounds throughout.

Overall, we enjoyed reading this book and look forward to reading Kit Feeny: The Ugly Necklace soon; it's too bad that there are only two books so far.

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### **Rebecca says**

This hilarious little comic is, in the main character's own words, "stupid awesome." Alongside a genuinely sweet story of moving, leaving his best friend, and dealing with both new friends and bullies, Kit's got the just-plain-fun bits like cheeseball sculptures, vampire bananas, and a plunger as a thinking aid.

Simple, cartoony artwork is easy to "read." Kit goes smack-dab in the same category as Babymouse, only less girly (even the color scheme is orange, not pink). Great choice for reluctant readers, boys especially, and those just getting into graphic novels.

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## **Iris Hernandez says**

Awesome stupid... :)

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## **H says**

An excellent alternative for the would be Captain Underpants reader who isn't quite there in reading skills. Kit Feeny is a boy (bear I think) who is moved away from his home and best friend. The slight plot tells of him trying to find a new best friend. Some irreverent humor, the word "fart," and an easy to follow plot make this a good choice for 2nd graders ready to move on to thicker books, but who may not have the stamina for a "real" chapter book. Clean, clear black and white line art.

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## **Peyton says**

An endearing story with charming characters and style all its own, this is a magnificent entry into the "kid-moves-to-a-new-town-and-tries-to-find-a-way-to-fit-in-while-not-letting-go-of-his-best-friend-in-his-old-town" genre. Kit is a great character, the kind of kid we all wish we had been and would like to know now.

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## **Christiane says**

Babymouse for boys! Orange, black and white (rather than pink) and with a funny, gross boy narrator 1st-3rd grade boys who wouldn't be caught in public with a Babymouse will probably love this; will also appeal to Captain Underpants fans.

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## **Steph says**

Adorable graphic novel! Reads like Squish or Babymouse. :-)

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## **Brixton says**

Many reviewers say this book is especially good for boys. Let's take a look at what is "good for boys":

Sisters are only concerned with shopping, clothes, looking and smelling pretty; always ridiculing Kit (male), calling him names, etc. Mother and (female) teacher always punishing Kit. When Kit gets in trouble in class, the school principal (male) decides not to punish him, encourages him instead to draw, and teaches Kit an important life lesson. Dad buys new pet fish when Kit and Arnold (friend) kill one belonging to sisters, thus saving the boys from sisters' wrath; mom grounds Kit and Arnold for a week. Dad negotiates with Arnold's parents and drives Arnold home when he tries to run away; mom screams at Kit and threatens him with jail. Mom and sisters drawn to look exactly the same. Dad, Kit and Arnold drawn with different features. All female characters drawn angry, screaming, with huge mouths full of sharp, pointed teeth. Kit draws sisters as

monsters. Kit cooperates with token school bully (male) to make him a better comedian, thus the school bully ceases to bully and all boys become friends. All males have personality traits, interests, talents, hobbies, activities. Sisters never make friends or do anything except walk around in pairs, either picking on Kit, or complimenting each other and their mother, whose only activities are shopping and cooking for family. There are no other girls in story. Mom calls sisters her "lovely smelling babies", sisters call her their "beautiful mommy". One sister is quoted as saying, "*Beautiful girls are never lonely*".

These are the kinds of things that teach boys and girls how to be boys and girls, how they appear to others, and what they can be when they grow up. And this is just one 100-pg example of why girls grow up with poor self-image, overly concerned with superficial aspects of themselves and others, while boys grow up with individuality, belief in their ability to impact their universe, encouraged to be cooperative with and supportive of other males, but sexist and hostile toward girls and women, whose only function is to look nice for the purpose of finding companionship so that they may someday have, feed, and school children (even though they are scary, dominating and mean toward boys).

An aside: boys identify with monkeys, who chase after large bananas. Huh.

I am disturbed reviewers are recommending this for K-3. Call me old-fashioned, but in this house, we did alright with A.A. Milne, Beatrix Potter, and Dr. Seuss. Nothing in this book is "good for boys" *or* girls, because boys and girls grow up to be men and women-- and I'd rather men and women get along with each other.

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## **Raina says**

Kit Feeny is a great complement to Babymouse and the Lunch Lady. All three characters are housed in small-sized books of their adventures, using a single color to brighten up simple black and white. All of the adventures are silly and over the top. Kit Feeny is a hamster. In this volume of his adventures, Kit's family is moving, so Kit has to deal with leaving his best friend, making new friends, new clothes shopping (his first best friend and he sold all of their clothes in a previous adventure), etc. Cute, fun, some hidden and/or subtle jokes that make it rereadable. A little naughty. But definitely fun.

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