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Like many children, Henry loves books. But Henry doesn't like to read books, he likes to eat them. Big books, picture books, reference books . . . if it has pages, Henry chews them up and swallows (but red ones are his favorite). And the more he eats, the smarter he gets--he's on his way to being the smartest boy in the world! But one day he feels sick to his stomach. And the information is so jumbled up inside, he can't digest it! Can Henry find a way to enjoy books without using his teeth? With a stunning new artistic style and a die-cut surprise, Oliver Jeffers celebrates the joys of reading in this charming and quirky picture book. It's almost good enough to eat.

The Incredible Book Eating Boy Details

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Joana Esteves says

Um livro com ilustrações maravilhosas e uma história muito engraçada!

Darío says

¡Genial! :D

Laura says

I loved this book, I loved the funny storyline and I really LOVED the illustrations! I think Oliver Jeffers is fast becoming one of my favourite writers for children storybooks.

This story is about Henry who really, really, really enjoys ALL sorts of books...But...he enjoys the books a little different from you and I. In fact he EATS any sort of book he can find, especially the red ones! This allows his brain to do the most interesting thing, it internalises all the info out of each book until...

...one too many books were consumed.

I learnt a new word from this book..'boke'...Now I haven't even googled to see if this word is real or really just made up. The child I was reading this too got such a huge giggle from the word 'boke' we had to read that specific page many times!

Now, if you want to find out what happens to Henry after eating too many books you'll need to pick this up yourself..I do suggest that you DON'T eat the book though...You really don't want to end up like poor Henry. I know, I know, the book already has a nibble out of the back of it but really, I do strongly suggest you ignore the temptation to nibble on it yourself.

Jaksen says

OMG Loved This Book!

I read a review by a friend and said I got to read that. Got a library copy and read it to myself. Read it to my four-year old grandson, who though he can't read yet, loved it. My eight-year old grandson laughed out loud at it.

A story about a boy who eats books. (Both boys loved the part where the boy 'throws up' in a real toilet cuz he gets sick eating books.) It's just so zany - there's a word I seldom used - and 'cuckoo for cocoa puffs' silly that I'm going to buy a copy to put on the bookshelf I keep at my house for my grandsons.

No less than five stars. :D

Suzanne says

Of course I've heard of this author, so I grabbed it straight away from work. Brand new!

A funny little boy gets greedy. Greedy for books. To eat! This is all well and good, he could even become the smartest boy in the world! But this glutenous book eating, which started with a sentence - page - chapter - then gulp - A WHOLE BOOK! - made him quick green with sickness.

Then it turns out it may be slower, but he could still be the smartest boy in the world. Now he loves to read, isn't sick, and is learning a lot! In fact.. broccoli eating becomes popular. Who's have thought?!

Such a cute concept teamed with witty, original and very clever illustrations. Witty and clever author. What a pleasure. Recommended for all book lovers young and old. Please, just no biting the book!

Indy (master 5) loved it. He was wriggling round with (silly) excitement and bum wiggling. This is a good thing around here. Like a happy dance you could say.

Great Christmas gift, or any occasion for that matter. Enjoyable and smart!

Hannah Higson says

This is a really good book to engage children with a love for reading.

It is about a boy who loves to eat books. Everytime he eats a book he gets smarter and smarter. However, not after long this boy starts getting all the information in his head confused. Henry learns that you can get information from reading books and also love the process.

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So beautiful. The lovely bite at the end. The drawings and the laughter. Really recommended.

Dianna says

The three-year-old ADORED this book, then went and took a bite out of another library book. Sigh.

Belle Sabattin says

Conocí a Oliver Jeffers en un taller de cuenta cuentos que realicé hace poco y fue amor a primera vista ?.

El profesor del taller nos contó "El corazón y la botella" del mismo autor y quede prendada jajaja ♥?... así

que como es lógico suponer tuve que adquirir obligadamente algunos libros del autor y este quedó entre los elegidos.

"El increíble niño comelibros" es un libro estupendo para todas las edades, y por eso me encantó el autor, sus cuentos parecen ser para niños, pero tienen mensajes ocultos entre páginas y palabras que hacen que incluso a los adultos nos lleguen sus historias directo al corazón, y obviamente a los niños les saca más de un risa.

Algo que me gusta mucho, es como las imágenes y las palabras se apoyan mutuamente sin caer en la redundancia, es decir, muchas veces las palabras te dicen algo y las imágenes en lugar de solamente reafirmarlo, te dan más información. Lo que pienso es muy bueno cuando se le está leyendo a un niño, ya que es tan importante que ponga atención a lo que escucha como a lo que ve.

Oliver Jeffers eres un genio ♥?

Lisa Vegan says

Oh, I just loved this, and its outlandish humor will, I think, appeal to most kids. I can see reading it with kids in all sorts of settings, and independent readers should enjoy perhaps it even more.

The humor is wonderful, all the way through, including the "eaten out" page corners of the last few pages and the back book cover. I also love it when children's book authors use a childhood photo of themselves in the author bio section, and that's the case for this book.

The illustrations were wonderful. Lot of text included, interesting juxtaposition of content. Each page of collage was filled with so much to view.

I suppose this isn't a totally original idea. I've seen this premise played out before in other picture books, but the story here is so endearing. I like that Henry wants to be smart, and that Henry likes books, and that he figures out another way to use them.

Note to adults: On the back cover there is a disclaimer to not to try to eat this book at home. Fun touch.

4 ½ stars

Kelli says

I believe the last picture book I reviewed was A Child of Books by Oliver Jeffers and here I am with his earlier gem. I love the illustrations and the use of book pages in the backgrounds. I love the bite taken out of the back cover and the disclaimer advising against eating the book. I love that the boy becomes the incredible broccoli eating boy in the end. But mostly I just love a book for children that celebrates reading. This book does that in a clever, catchy way. 4.5 stars

Tia says

I confess, I have an artistic crush on Oliver Jeffers! I'm falling in love with his work. Who does Oliver

Jeffers write and illustrate for? My almost-4-year-old loves him, but so do I. At this point, I'm not sure which one of us I keep ordering his books for. I want to keep them in my office/library, but I've been reluctantly keeping them in my son's room so they're handy for bedtime.

This book is enchanting, humorous, and gorgeously illustrated. There is even a "bite" taken out of the last pages & back cover, which my son really got a kick out of. There is also a disclaimer to not eat the book.

I loved the message—sometimes I too am guilty of "devouring" books at such a gluttonous rate that I don't have time to properly digest them or savor them. Like the incredible book eating boy, I have a desire to consume and know everything. It's enough to make you "boke", ha ha... (That's an inside joke for people who read this.) The boy learns the importance of slowing down and really taking things in.

I think this is a classic, whether people know it yet or not. I'd put it up there with Where The Wild Things Are.

Erin Murray says

I thoroughly loved how in Henry's lowest overall point of the book where he stops eating them, he discovers a love for reading! The unconventional idea of a 'book eating boy' could definitely appeal to children as it's such an absurd idea to them. I've read it to my cousins before and they absolutely love it! The illustrations throughout are FANTASTIC and anyone can admire them. The added touch on the back of the corner chewed off is just a little extra but children LOVE noticing it!

karen says

in the future this book will make sense to no one. it will have to be re-named the incredible kindle-eating boy. i wrote this review only to prove that even when i take a break from paper-writing to read a childrens book, i am still on-topic mentally. so give me an a please...

Dan says

What a funny story! I could see it being a great book to frame early independent reading conversations at the beginning of the school year.
