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Wormz, Nicko, and their friends fear that their experience at a school camp in the Australian bush will be ruined by the presence of the dreaded Mr. Cromwell as a substitute chaperon.

## **Don't Pat the Wombat! Details**

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## From Reader Review Don't Pat the Wombat! for online ebook

### Dylan says

I thought this book was quite interesting, especially the part where they're singing on the way to camp. I read this book a long time ago, so I can't really tell any of you readers that much about the book.

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### Heidi Mcjunkin says

A great book set in Australia.

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### Donna says

Perfect for its demographic, but loses a lot when read aloud. Best to be enjoyed as a solo pursuit

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### \*\*\*\*\*??v??\*\*\*\*\* says

LOVE LOVE LOVE this book. Reading it to my younger sibling sister :)

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### Gen says

Used to love this book as a kid. It's about a grade 5 boy and his mates on their school camp. The combination of the words, cartoons, and photos make this a rather funny little book. Would recommend for maybe 9-12 year olds.

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### RikkasaurusReads says

I enjoyed this book when I was young. Recommended for young readers.

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### Leslie says

Set in Australia--may prove challenging for children not versed in Australian geography, slang, or wildlife.

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### Livvy ♥ says



bought this for my daughter and read it first to check it was okay. I think, with parental guidance (i.e. leaving the door open for discussions about content), she will find it a fun read. Recommended with that one reservation.

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## **Richie Partington says**

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Last week we traveled to Yosemite for a few days. The kids wanted to play in the snow, so each day we'd travel by shuttle bus up to Badger Pass. During the 40 minute rides up and down the mountain I read aloud this absolutely wonderful book, previously published in Australia where it won several awards. It will be released in paperback this summer.

DON'T PAT THE WOMBAT is the story of a boy named Jonah who moves from his family's failed farm out in the bush country into town. There, he joins up with the group of 6th grade boys including Mark, who is the book's narrator. They are a fun, easygoing bunch except for having to deal with an unpleasant, alcoholic teacher who they refer to as The Bomb. When the boys travel to camp for a week in a school sanctioned trip and a teacher suddenly gets sick, the stage is set for a climactic confrontation between the boys and The Bomb.

The book is a winner. Not only did my own kids demand that I read nonstop on those shuttle trips, but a pair of somebody else's kids would board the bus and ask me shyly whether I was going to read more of the book.

Richie Partington, MLIS

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## **Steven says**

My year 6 students adored this book and it is easy to understand why. The characters feel genuine, the storyline is laugh-out-loud funny and there are more than a few "naughty" moments to engage the reluctant readers. As a teacher, I suggest you do a little reading ahead as there are some inappropriate moments, especially when reading aloud.

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## **Samantha says**

I absolutely loved this book.

It's way below my reading level now, but I still read it sometimes.

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