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Despite all attempts to avoid reading and extra work, Charlie Joe Jackson finds himself in a terrible dream he can't wake up from: Camp Rituhbukkee (pronounced "read-a-bookie")—a place filled with grammar workshops, Read-a-Ramas, and kids who actually like reading. But Charlie Joe is determined to convince the entire camp to hate reading and writing—one genius at a time.

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Minji says

This boy is totally the opposite of me.

Jo-Z says

it was pretty good. I would NOT want to spend my summer like this

Jack Cibinski says

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Summer Vacation by Tommy Greenwald. The theme of this book is probably "if you work hard at something you will achieve it." The idea the author wanted to give me was to never give up at what your doing until you succed. The book has accomplished the idea for me. The author really taught me on what to do and never to give up.

This book is about a kid named Charlie Joe and he has got sent to a summer camp by his mom. He thinks it's gonna be awesome and really fun, but it really isn't that fun at all. When he gets their he is introduced to his camp councler named Mark. This dude is really buff. This makes Charlie think that this camp will be all sports and hes gonna love it. But then later on he starts to hate it. The reason why is because the camp is actually a camp where it is all school. So basically summer school. The genre of the book is realistic fiction because any of this could happen in real life. The setting usually just takes place around the camp and in a bus. The action of the book takes place when to camps compete againts eachother in school work, and this takes place at both of the camps. These characters don't seem to made up. If I head there names in my class I would think that they are completely normal.

The strengths of this book is that the author does a great job on describing each little detail he puts in the book. He also does good in making it suspensful, so that we are biting our nails to see what happens next. Some weaknesses are that the authors figurative language was a bit off. The choices on what he made, I sometimes didn't get. An example is that one time it was in a suspensful moment, and I thought there was gonna be some really good word choice but it was just average. I like how the author does make it seem like it is a movie and that I am watching it, and that I am really hearing the voices speak.

I would reccomend this book to the people who like funny and comical books. The reason why is because this book is super funny with funny words and actions in it. People also might enjoy it if they like suspensful books. Over all this book was pretty goog.

Bogdan says

I chose this book because I like this kind of book it's not to hard and not to easy. I like the cover. And I still reading the same series of my favorite author.

Barbara says

When I first saw the words "Camp Rituhbukkee," the name of the summer camp for readers that Charlie Joe Jackson reluctantly attends, I laughed since it is pronounced "Read-A-Bookie." The story picks up right where the earlier one left off. While most of his friends are off relaxing, Charlie Joe and his own bookish friends Nareem and Katie are busy with grammar workshops and reading. Charlie Joe, of course, claims to have never read an entire book, and he and the camp director immediately butt heads. Not unexpectedly, he plans to corrupt the campers and make them dislike reading and writing. But a funny thing happens along the way during his three weeks at camp. While Charlie Joe does finally find inspiration in a book and expand his own perception of the world, he still stays true to himself while helping some of the other campers see that there is more to life than books. There are many passages that will make readers laugh aloud even while reminding them how much they can learn from others. Middle graders will appreciate the battle between some of the adults and Charlie Joe, but they'll also become fond of another influential teacher at the camp who befriends Charlie Joe.

Enter Name says

It was kind of boring, but also cool at the same time. The thing that bothered me the most was that the plot was all over the place. They could be somewhere doing something then on the next page be doing a COMPLETELY different thing. Other than that the story was pretty interesting.

Benji says

The book Charlie Joe Jackson's guide to Summer Vacation is a realistic fiction book written by Tommy Greenwald. The story goes is that Charlie Joe is on summer vacation and his parents sign him up for a 3 week camp called Camp Rithuhbukke. (Pronounced Camp read a bookie.) If you have read the previous two books which I have a few years ago, you know that Charlie HATES reading. This means for the 3 weeks he will be stuck with a bunch of nerds as well as doing a bunch of other education during the time he is there. Do you think Charlie will make it out alive? The plot is ok for what it is. It's not meant to be a serious tone it's supposed to be realistic in some ways and knowing Charlie Joe hates reading I can accept that. That said going into this book after reading the second 3 years ago left me, disappointed. I came into the mindset of an 14 year old yet with the excitement of an 11 year old and after reading this book especially with the illustrations I found out something big. This book is to easy for 8th graders. While I may have expected the story to be good, the overall lexile is too low. I feel the illustrations are what tell readers that this is a book for more younger audiences. Overall while the story is nice I feel the illustrations and low lexile keep older audiences away from the book. Even if I was disappointed I hope to one day finish the series.

Emily says

Have you ever got yourself into a situation you regret but in the end it was some what worth it , well so did Charlie joe. The genre of this book is realistic fiction because stuff like this could actually happen but it's not based on a true story . I personally enjoyed the book and the challenges he goes through and some just for

his friends I enjoy.

The setting takes place in camp ribucked were. It's a place for grammar and educational activities. Charlie joe wanted to hurry up and have the camp he'd but he takes the advantage to turn all the nerds into one of him a non reading have fun person. But there are stricte rules that he has to follow even though he doesn't like when he bought pizza during. A basketball game and making the opponent eat a whole pizza under a minute and making them lose there best player. Then he sticks up for a new friend he has made who likes someone who is just using her for her knowledge during a big test so the come up with a plan to stop it but actually getting in big trouble. Then all turned out in the end they all confessed and Charlie ***spoiler alert**** he also gets one to come back next year .

I was suprise when he almost had the thought that instead of changing the nerds into one of the the nerds change him into one of them a nerd. Also toward the end and begin are different because in the beginning he was self conceited and only cared about being cool and toward the end all he cared about were his friends because when it was time to take a very important test and one of his friends that was a girl was being used and jerk was just using her so he ditches the test to cause a ditraction to get her away from the test and is already in enough trouble but still helps anyway.

The characters main motivation was to mainly get the camp to loosen up and be more chill and have more fun like when they were gonna add another academic class instead of swimming he stood up and to guard and that they deserve a time to them selves. I thought the ending of the book was not the best bit a good way to clear things out like when Charlie joe clearly didn't want to go back but he got a full scholarship to come back anyways.

I would scale this book a 3.5 out of 5 because I have read the whole series but I feel like this book wasn't the best of them all and could have done a better ending more dramatic is the way I like it. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys realistic fiction but someone who likes to read about challenges being face in very many ways. And if you every get into a predicament then think to yourself will it be worth it in the end.

Alexia Alba says

3.5/5 stars

Camryn says

Awesome. One curse word, though.

Ilenuca says

Funny. The romanian edition has some forced translations.

Shreya says

I really liked this Charlie Joe Jackson book :) It was full of surprise. Along with Charlie Joe, I could not believe Charlie Joe was enjoying his reading! After the first book, you could tell reading was last on his to-do list. I was shocked by how outstanding Charlie Joe's essay was! It went perfectly along with the book

about Lech Walesa, a man who fought for freedom, that he was currently reading. And, last surprise, I can't believe Charlie Joe and Lauren Rubin got Rithubukkee Rewards! How awesome is that? So, to sum it all up, I have 2 words: extremely surprising. But, I loved every minute of the book! Outstanding job Tommy Greenwald :)

Ms. Yingling says

Charlie has agreed to go to Camp Rituhbukkee (pronounced "read-a-bookie") to make his parents happy. Camp is three weeks long and involves writing home, no electronics, and a ton of workshops on reading and writing. Luckily, one of his best friends from home, Katie, is at the camp, as is Naheem, who also goes to his school. The rest of the campers are relentlessly nerdy, and Charlie Joe immediately sets himself apart, annoying the camp director, Dr. Mal. Since he knows that getting kicked out of the camp would NOT make his parents happy, Charlie tries to fit in as much as he can, even using the skills he has at basketball to help the Rituhbukkee team when they play against Camp Wockajocka (aka Camp Jockstrap). He even reads books that Ms. Domerca, one of the teachers, recommends to him, and uses a book about Lech Walesa as a basis for a protest against losing swimming time to more workshop time. Charlie is upset to find that his sort of girlfriend, Zoe, may be moving back with her father, and he's less than excited to go on the camp overnight to the Little Yellow Schoolhouse. When he finds out that Lauren has been doing her boyfriend Jared's work for camp, but that she is tired of doing it, he finds a way to help her out in true, over-the-top Charlie Joe fashion.

Strengths: Ah, summer camp. The next best thing to going is reading about it. And camp romance? Even better. Even though Charlie doesn't have a girl of his own at camp, he is a regular Romeo among that geeks in his cabin, so he gets to give lots of advice. Don't know how I would have felt about being kissed by a boy chewing bubblegum when I was 12, but reading about it was hysterical. I adore J.P. Coovert's illustrations, and they really do draw reluctant readers into the books. As one student said to me "That was a trick! That was the longest book I've ever read!" With this third book, it's officially a series, and I couldn't be happier with it. Hooray!

Weaknesses: As much as I liked reading about his struggles with whether or not he might actually like being a geek, Charlie HAS to stay as he is! He getting soft in his old age, and I'd hate to see him completely change. The students adore him just the way he is in the first book!

Daniel Kornspan says

It was good but mushy

Marcos Esparza says

Can Charlie Joe Jackson survive going to camp over summer? The genre to this story was mainly comedy. I really did enjoy this story. It was very entertaining reading it.

This book is about a boy names Charlie Joe Jackson, his parents sent him to a camp over summer and really didn't enjoy it at first. Later one of the counselors asked him if he wanted to play in the camps basketball team. Charlie did join the team. The story takes place in Camp Rituhbukkee. The conflict is Character vs

Society because the story it says how Charlie was not getting along with other students and especially the students from camp Wockajocka. Wockajoka was the camp next to Rituhbukkee. The two camps did not get along. Some of the major events that happened were that when it came time to play basket ball against the other camp, camp Rituhbukkee had a plan. Camp Rituhbukkee's plan was to have someone go get a lot of pizza so the other team would start to feel very full and could forfeit the game. The next step was to get a person on the same team to eat a piece of pizza so he can throw up all over the good players on the opposing team. The major character in the book is Charlie Joe Jackson. They type of conflict this book is, is person vs society. It is person vs. society because it is just Charlie Joe vs all the the camp. The main points were that it started from when Joe's parents made him go to the camp and then Charlie Joe was invited into the game.

The story is a 1st person point of view. That affects the story because it gives a more of a detail since we are in the point of view for Charlie Joe. A major even the happened was when Charlie was invited to play in the Basketball game against another team. The title "Charlie Joe Jackson's guide to summer vacation relates to the story because it talks about Charlie Joe survived his weeks at camp. The setting is important because if this were to take place in a different location it would be very different. The narrator is reliable because he is explaining what is going on. The authors tone is like a bored tone because half of the story he is explaining how much he hates the camp.

My opinion to the story..... I was surprised when Charlie was invited to play in the basket ball team because Charlie was always doing his worst effort at everything. I was satisfied when they Charlie made a perfect plan to sabotage the other team. I liked the way the author was describing a lot of in detailed things. My favorite part of the story was when he would explain what he did during silent hour. Silent hour was when the camp would go to their cabins and read but no talking. Charlie would of course not care and keep talking but his room mates respected that rule and took it very seriously. Charlie would always talk to them until they would tell him to shut up. I can relate to Charlie because he hated camp. If I went to a camp I would act like him because I probably would not like it.

I really enjoyed this book! I will rate it a 4 out of 5 stars. I liked the book because it showed how a kid was living in a camp with other kids but he didn't like the camp at first. I would recommend the book to anyone that likes comedy. This is really a funny book.
