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Rahhhhhh! Buddy's a monster, and he's **hungry!** Time for all cute little bunnies to hop into his mouth. But the bunnies have other plans...

like baking cupcakes,
going for a swim,
playing at the carnival,
and starting a Buddy fan club.

He'll just have to eat them tomorrow.

Maybe.

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Kaethe says

Bob Shea is awesome and creating books which are simultaneously EXTREMELY cute with a nice edge of snark.

Library copy

Emily says

Awesome.

Garrett says

My mom always told me not to play with my food. Then I grew up and became a vegetarian. I guess this book explains why.

Sunah Chung says

Buddy is a monster and is supposed to eat bunnies. But bunnies are clever enough to make Buddy their friend by playing hide-and-seek, baking cupcakes, swimming, and forming a fan club.

Buddy the monster's character is appealing to me because of his naiveness. He is supposed to eat bunnies and he threatens them. However, the illustrations show a different story from the texts. For instance, a scene in which Buddy interacts with the bunnies is full of pink and purple flowers with green backgrounds. Even though he said, "I'm going to eat all you bunnies! (Unpaged)" while showing his sharp teeth, the illustrations represent fun and joyful moods. Moreover, the name of the monster, Buddy, implies that he would be friendly. Personally, I liked the facial expressions and gestures of the characters in illustrations. When Buddy and bunnies swim together, I could see Buddy's happiness from being on the tube as he was smiling and waving his hands and legs. The colors of the illustrations are very vivid as they are made up of bright yellowish greens, pinks, and light blues. The front and end pages also illustrate the situations of the beginning and ending of the story. On the front page readers could see three bunnies and Buddy growling "Rahhhhh!" with his glaring eyes. The spaces between the bunnies and Buddy are filled with trees which imply their distances and barriers in relationship and represent their relationship as a predator and prey respectively. On the other hand, when looking at the final page, Buddy dances while surrounded by lots of bunnies without a single tree between them. This distinctive difference in illustrations summarizes the story to audiences. The last thing I loved about this book is the title, don't play with your food. The title has a kind of double meanings. First is that Buddy should not play with his prey because they could be good friends as the story says. The other meaning could be related to the real life of children. Parents and teachers educate young children not to play with their food. Children do not understand why they could not play with food. This book would not be directly related to the behavior of children at the dinner table, but parents could use this story to teach table manners in fun ways.

Kabao Lor says

Summary:

Buddy is a hungry monster seeking a snack to settle his stomach! He tells a group of bunnies to hop in his mouth so that he can eat them, but the bunnies have different plans that may save them from getting eaten, like baking many delicious cupcakes, going for a swim on a hot day, starting a Stripey-Stripe Club to honor Buddy, and playing games and going on rides at a carnival. After each exhausting day, Buddy promises to eat them tomorrow, but will he ever make good on that promise?

Activity:

Rewrite the story as if you were one of the bunnies, and tell the story from your point of view. Include three distractions, different from the ones in the book, that you would use to keep Buddy from eating you and your friends. After this activity is completed, students will share their stories with one other classmate. This will help students understand how we all have different points of view and think about situations in unique ways.

Shea, B. (2014). *Buddy and the bunnies in: Don't play with your food*. New York, NY: Disney-Hyperion Books.

Vicki says

Awww, this is one cute book! I can't wait to read it aloud to a group. Great job with illustrations.

N says

A tough guy overcomes his instincts to make friends. In the vein of Big Mean Mike

Carol Jen says

Very cute, funny, and clever picture book. I think kids in storytime would get a kick out of the bunnies convincing the monster they are his friend and therefore not his food :-)

Elaine Pelton says

Moral of the story: "Don't eat your friends!" Words of wisdom to live by.

Erica says

I enjoyed this book because-

Reason 1:

It would be fun to read aloud. I love doing monster voices and there's plenty of opportunity for that in this story.

Reason 2:

There are little bits of humor tucked away for grownups, like when the monster who wants to eat the bunnies who keep distracting him with friendship notices that there were seven bunnies yesterday and today there are more.

Amusing!

Reason 3:

I like the illustrations. I like the expressions on everyone's faces and I like the colors.

Reason 4:

I like the thought of eating bunnies but I like better the thought of bunnies that bake cupcakes and form clubs.

Tina says

Bunnies, cute bunnies. The monster never had a chance!

Alexandria says

The art in this book was adorable and the message it gives is a good one, even if it's a little in-your-face. And by lesson I don't mean "don't eat people". While that's a good message it's not necessarily the one I think really applies to most people. The lesson I took away from it is to treat anger with kindness and to rely on diplomacy over violence. I might be reading a little too much into this fun kids' book, but the points could definitely be drawn from the story and they're points that people right now seem to need reminding of.

Sassy says

This book is HILARIOUS! My PreK students like the voices what I get to do with the stories. I actually read this a week where my voice was going out, so it was great for both buddy and the bunnies.

I never saw the punchline coming and it was WELL PLAYED. I love stories that make me laugh out loud while reading. I get to connect with my students.

this was my introduction to Bob Shea. Then I read . I'm hooked! My life is changed!

Stacy268 says

I lived reading this one to my kids at school. Giggles and groans all around.

June says

Might be a good one for Halloween next year since we get a young crowd. Just missed trying it in my rabbit program.
