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Grampa's menagerie of pets are rubbed the wrong way when a needy little critter arrives in this lighthearted chapter book.

Grampa Bender wouldn't be able to run the Bed and Biscuit animal boardinghouse without the help of Ernest the pig, Gabby the mynah bird, and Milly the cat. In fact, the three animals have always thought of themselves as Grampa's family — and they assumed he felt the same way. But when Grampa comes home with a mysterious bundle and stops paying attention to his loyal companions, they start to question his affections. Engaging illustrations by Noah Z. Jones, capturing every endearing trait of this oddball family, complement Joan Carris's humorous, heartwarming book for middle-grade readers.

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From Reader Review Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit for online ebook

Alice Greene says

Alice: 5 stars

Jenny: 3 stars. The book felt a little long, but was a cute story about an old man and his animals.

Melissa says

I can't decide between two and three stars. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't amazing. I think the problem was that the animals argued among each other too much. It's a book geared toward really young readers, and I'd like to have seen a more positive way of interacting.

Sarita says

This book is really cute!!!

Grandpa Bender owns a "Bed and Biscuit" where he takes in animals that need "baby sitting".

One day he is called to help put out a fire at a farm nearby. His special bird, cat and pig, (Gabby, Milly, Ernest) are worried when he does not return till morning. When he does, he is so focused on a bundle of something to notice them.

Milly and Gabby start to feel jealous..... Milly hides behind a stove and goes missing, Gabby says she is going to go live with the crows, and Ernest finds himself feeling slightly jealous too.

Grandpa Bender is caring for a puppy who has lost his mother in the fire!!!!

They all welcome Sr. Walter the pup and Milly says: "Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit!"

THIS IS A MUST READ!!!!

Megan (ReadingRover) says

Super fun audiobook to listen to. Kids will love this. The narrator does an awesome job voicing each of the animals at the Bed & Biscuit.

Anna says

Recommended for EL310 at Chase Academy

What 3rd grader wouldn't love to read about a boardinghouse for animals? Also, who doesn't love a cute ol' mini-pig? The author, Joan Carris notes that she based her animal characters on known facts about each species. I think students would appreciate this little tidbit (see Author's note at the end of the book).

I appreciated the sweetness and humor in the book and know that young readers will, too. I also think this book would be great to read aloud to or with the class.

Carissa says

we're reading this one right now and i'm enjoying the gentle plot line and the loveable characters and the illustrations. although there are a few two-page spreads with no pictures that make a certain listener very antsy, when i ask him questions about the story, he can answer them correctly, so i know he's listening. tip for anyone attempting this in your own home--if your pre-reader child gets wiggly while you're working your way through a long block of text, run your finger under the words you're reading to let them know where you are (almost done!) and to re-iterate the "print awareness" knowledge (i.e. "those letters spell out the words that mom is reading"). if you're presenting this title to a beginning reader, you should know that the vocabulary is not simple! tonight's selection included the word, "lugubrious!"

Karin says

cute story of an animal boarding facility, told from the point of view of the owner's pig ernest. when grampa brings home something small after a fire, he has less time for the other animals in the house and they take it hard (especially the kitty milly). but in the end the family is one member bigger and everyone is happy. nc author!

Joanna says

This is a quick read, which I read aloud to my 4 & 5 year olds in one day. We all really liked this book, but I found that I had to edit numerous times as I read. There was name calling and other just "off" things that I didn't want my kids to hear and repeat. It probably depends on what you allow, but I would just want other readers to be aware of that going in. Characters were fun and endearing, and the story was cute and definitely kept our attention.

Tracie says

Grandpa Bender is a vet with a heart of gold and a house full of rescued animals: Ernest the pig, Gabby the bird and Milly the cat. Grandpa has always given each one special attention but that changes when he brings home a mysterious bundle after a neighbor's property catches fire. Have his friends been replace and why won't he tell them about the bundle? This story has some nice little themes about trust and what it means to be a family without being preachy.

Books Kids Like says

Actually I give 4 points to the endearing story of an old man who cares for an injured puppy. And the man's other pets get 4 points for working out their jealousy of the little intruder who monopolizes the old man's

time and affection. The author gets 3 points for a title that doesn't fit the plot and some plot lines that don't go anywhere. I guess "Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit" refers to welcoming the reader or, perhaps, to the little Scotty dog rescued from a fire. At the beginning of the book, the animal boarding facility run by Dr. Adam Bender (whose pets call him Grampa) arranges to board many new animals. Their arrival is briefly mentioned before Grampa goes to help with a fire. Then, the plot shifts to the mysterious bundle he brings home (the Scottish terrier puppy) and the resultant jealousy of Gabby the mynah, Millie the kitten, and Ernest the pig. What happened to all of the boarders? Who knows. The real story teaches the lesson that love is limitless and that "family" members need to pull together in times of crisis.

Sheri S. says

A sweet book about Grandpa Bender, a veterinarian, and his various animals. Grandpa takes care of a new puppy and it causes a bit of an uproar from the cat who disappears for a while. The kids enjoyed the book and it contained a few facts about animals. I'm not sure if we will continue with the series though...

Pyrate Queen says

Dr. Bender, a retired veterinarian, runs Bed & Biscuit, a boarding house for pets, with the assistance of Ernest, the mini-pig, Gabby the Vietnamese mynah bird and his young cat, Milly. These three animals think of themselves as "Grampa's" family but when a mysterious bundle comes home one day and starts spending time in Milly's section of Grampa's room, everyone begins to wonder what it could be. Suddenly, the business phone isn't being answered, the farm cows aren't being milked and Grampa's falling asleep at the table. What is the young thing and will it drive a wedge into the family or bring everyone closer together?

Abbie Butcher says

Really fun, cute read for children. Light-hearted, reminiscent of Charlotte's Web, overall good read.

Mac says

This book is about a grandpa, a cat, a pig, and a bird. One day the grandpa finds a puppy and thinks about it more than anyone. Then the cat gets so mad at the grandpa that she runs away. I would recommend this book to second graders on up.

Allison says

This is one of the best short chapter book stories I've read in awhile. Grandpa runs a boarding home for a number of animals. Ernest the pig is his primary assistant, but a young cat and a Myna bird are always there to help with phone calls (the bird) and cuddles (the cat). When there is a fire in a neighboring home, Grandpa goes to help rescue some of the animals. He comes home with a basket holding some tiny creature that was badly injured. When Ernest, the cat, and the bird feel that Grandpa spends more time with the mystery in the

basket than with them, they get jealous. That's when the trouble starts!
