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In the third installment of Claude's hilarious adventures, Claude and Sir Bobblysock pack their bags and go on vacation to the beach. They rescue a man from a shark, win a sandcastle-bulding competition, and hunt for pirate treasure. Of course, they make it back home just before Mr. and Mrs. Shineyshoes come in from work.

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Kimberly says

¡Que bueno! Me gusta mucho este libro chistoso sobre el perrito Claude, su amigo Señor Calcetinpelusa, y su vacación a la playa. Era un poquito difícil a leer este libro totalmente en español, pero mi diccionario era muy útil. Es buen ejercicio para mi mente a leer (y entonces escribir una revista) en español. Espero que en el futuro, puedo leer más libros de Claude y sus aventuras.

Miranda says

Really cute and pretty silly. My 8 year old really enjoyed it.

Emily says

These are lovely stories which are a nice introduction to chapter books for the younger children. They are about a small, plump dog called Claude who goes on adventures with his best friend Sir Bobblysock, who is a sock who smells like cheese. In this adventure, Claude packs his suitcase with items he thinks he might need to have on holiday, including; squirty cream, underwear and sun cream. The children loved the pirates, the skull island and the things Claude packed for holiday. The pictures included lots of details, many of which are very funny. I personally wasn't very impressed with the image of the lifeguard being distracted by pumping up a woman's balls, who was holding them in front of her like giant boob. Yes, my class of six year olds did notice and shouted it out.

Carrie says

Claude decides he needs a vacation and heads to the beach with his best friend, Mr. Bobblysock. Adventure awaits as they search for treasure and escape naughty pirates.

Adinda says

This was a cute little story. I really love Claude.

Christine says

Some really great illustrations here. Love the picture explaining why the lifeguard couldn't help just then.

Samantha says

Claude is a dog who acts like a human. In this book, he heads to the beach on holiday when his owners head off to work.

Slightly silly with spot-colored digital artwork, this title is a good read aloud or a beginning chapter book for grades 1-3.

Brittany says

This is only the second "Claude" book that I have read, but it was so much better than the first one. It had really funny moments at the beach AND pirates. What more could you ask for from a book like this?

Michelle says

Claude is a creative and charming character and I love his sidekick Sir Bobblysock! This was a fun read and I am going to read the next two in this series.

Ashley Salisbury says

Very very funny...I love how unique these books are. You never expect what's going to happen and end up on a fun ride.

Vera Godley says

Claude at the Beach is the third book by author and illustrator Alex T. Smith. Mr. Smith has created a character I foresee as becoming a classic in time. Claude is a cute dog (probably with a somewhat quirky international flavor and character) and his side kick is a striped sock – Sir Bobblysock (think “bobby socks”).

In this, book three, the twosome wait their for their people to depart for the day, which they do right on time. Then Claude declares it is time for a vacation. So they begin to pack.

The story progresses with their arrival at the beach which is the perfect spot for them to vacation and definitely the spot for Claude to use the underwear he has packed since everyone at the beach is in their undies.

As escapade upon escapade unfolds, we are entertained by the delightful text and sophisticated cartoon art style used to illustrate Claude’s activities. Mr. Smith’s illustrations envelope both the story and tongue-in-cheek humor that the adults reading the story will “get.”

There are some enchanting qualities and items in the story. For example, Claude’s beret. He finds many useful items tucked up under his beret with which to save the day or just plain put to use.

This is an early chapter book written for kids age 7-11 who enjoy laughing. But of course, parents are allowed to read it, too, and get their tickle on.

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Sarah says

These books are about the adventures that Claude, a small dog, and his sidekick Sir Bobblysock get into when his owners, referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes go to work everyday. In this book, the Claude and Sir Bobblysock decide to go on vacation to the beach. It follows their hilarious adventures as they pack their luggage, apply sunscreen, save a man from a shark, buy ice cream, build sand castles, and find buried treasure with pirates. At the end of the day, exhausted from their vacation the two return home with sandy underwear and pirate treasure, but keep it a secret from Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes.

The humor in it is excellent – on my first read I laughed out loud several times. For example, Claude always seems to have anything he needs on hand – including sticky tape, a lampshade, and a juicy bone baguette for the shark. On first reading, I wondered how much of the humor would be over this age group's head so I had my seven year old read it to me. He got most of it, and thought the book was so funny. Actually, as he was reading it my fourth grader kept popping over because he wanted to see the pictures that went with the text. I also noticed as my seven year old was reading it that it was a nice combination of familiar, known text with some challenging words sprinkled in that he had to work out.

I enjoyed the unique, vintage-like feel of the illustrations that are done in black, white and shades of red with lots of detail.

Just a note for a more conservative parent reader – they may not appreciate the illustration where the lifeguard was too busy to rescue the man from the shark because quote “he was helping somebody with her beach balls.” I do not think this would be lost on kiddos of this age group, and some parents might not want this in their children's book.

Its broken up into seven chapters, over 94 pages but the book is in a small format, which I actually love for a child's hands. The progression of the story was a perfect length for early readers and a good introduction to chapter books. On my first read, I had no idea what was going to happen on their adventure and was pretty interested in what the duo was going to be up to next. I think this level of suspense, in combination with the humor, makes the book a series a good choice for early readers. Even if they struggle with the language a bit, they'd be inclined to want to keep reading for illustrations, story and laughs. I'd recommend this series pretty highly.

Stephanie says

My daughter told me to rate this a 5 star because it was funny. Then she told me I had to check out the rest of the books about Claude at the Library for her to read because she enjoyed this book so much. The illustrations were very cute and the story was rather silly but fun at the same time.

Sarah says

Very entertaining how each book begins with the dog's owners going out- we never see their faces, and they never see all the adventures Claude and Sir Bobblysock have. Pay attention to the pictures in these; they are just as funny as the story line. There's also an opportunity to learn a little French in the middle and in the glossary.

Becky B says

Claude and Sir Bobblysock decide to go to the beach, rescue a man from a shark and find treasure with pirates.

Kids unfamiliar with British slang should pick up some fun terms from this series. They'll also pick up some French in this one. The shark encounter and treasure hunting are both quite humorous. This artist draws people like no one else I've ever seen...they all have very interesting hairdos.
