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Exclusive report on the shocking truth!!!! Exposed!! The final truth behind Ronald Daft's best-selling book. Join Spike Peecee, Victoria Scab, Orson Ploop, Viola Mudguard, Marley Suckett and, of course, Billy Plonka in Ian Billings' hilarious comic parody

## **Billy Plonka and the Grot Laboratory Details**

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## From Reader Review Billy Plonka and the Grot Laboratory for online ebook

### Michael Mardel says

Billy Plonka and the Grot laboratory by Billings is a clever parody of 'Charlie and the chocolate factory' by Roald Dahl. Instead of winning cards we have ones that smell. Instead of chocolate we have rotting garbage. Not being able to smell the story, one doesn't get the full flavour of it. I'd recommend it for smelly boys around grade 5 who love offbeat stories with plenty of description.

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### Nickolai says

Billy Plonka Vs Willy Wonka  
Marley Suckett Vs Charlie Bucket  
Grandpa Eric Vs Grandpa Joe  
Spike Peecee Vs Mike Teavee  
Victoria Scab Vs Veruca Salt  
Viola Mudguard Vs Violet Beauregarde  
Orson Ploop Vs Augustus Gloop

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### Jessica Foley says

\*I was given this book – Billy Plonka and the Grot Laboratory – for free so I could read it and create this review. This book is a parody of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.\*

I was quite excited when I received this book to review. I love Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and I was very excited to read Ian Billings' parody.

Instead of candy, Billy Plonka makes Grot in his laboratory. What is Grot? I'm still not really sure. It's icky and gross and smelly but I think ultimately there is no Grot. Billy Plonka's laboratory is just a very messy collection of rooms and gadgets – the dirtier the better.

The story follows the plotlines of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory almost exactly. The humour comes in with all the name alterations (the Oompa Loompas are Grumpy Trumppers, Marley Suckett for Charlie Buckets, and things like ePad for iPad and Gurgle in place of Google) and the way Billy Plonka talks. He speaks much in the style of Willie Wonka but with icky-isms thrown in. Scrupiddlinnoxious appears to be his favourite exclamation.

I enjoyed the writing style, and the book layout and editing were well done, but I just wasn't a fan of the parody story. I think it was all the dirt and Grot going on that turned me off a bit. The kids all had their quirks quite similarly to the Roald Dahl story – the same sorts of tragedies befell them in this book. And Marley Suckett, while not nearly as endearing as Charlie Buckets, does survive to the end of the tour.

I'm not going to spoil the ending, but I felt it was the appropriate end for this story. I was amused by it but overall the story was just okay. When I post my review on Amazon I think I'll give it maybe 3 stars. I'll let

my kiddos read it, although it's above Emma's reading level right now – a lot of nonsense words are very difficult to sound out and would take away from the story for her. She'll get there – but right now we may read it together a bedtime story so I can read the harder words!

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### **Tony Parsons says**

I did not receive any type of compensation for reading & reviewing this book. While I receive free books from publishers & authors, I am under no obligation to write a positive review, only an honest one.

A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A poorly written Parody book. It wasn't very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish, lots of dull moments. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This book was defiantly not what I thought it was going to be. Even in my Hippie days of LSD I have no clue what it was about. So I will rate it at the best 2/5 stars.

Thank you for the free Goodreads; Making Connections; Tiddley Pom; Author; PDF book  
Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

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### **Dawn says**

I chose to read this book after receiving a free e-copy. All opinions in this review are my own and completely unbiased.

Billy Plonka and the Grot Laboratory is a parody of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. It's definitely a different type of book but I think maybe middle school boys might enjoy it. There are a lot of nonsense words and Grot is nasty. The laboratory is messy and icky.

The plot is pretty much the same as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children who get to go to the laboratory each have a fault, the maker of Grot is Billy Plonka (instead of Willy Wonka, of course), etc. My favorite name is the Grumpy Trumpers rather than Oompa Loompas.

I don't think this is a book that most adults would enjoy but I do think there are middle school readers that might like it because it's so silly.

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