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Splish, Splash, Splat! (Splat The Cat)



Synopsis

Splat does not want to have a playdate with Spike. Spike will break his toys and eat all of his candy fish! And he does not want to learn how to swim "water is horrible, scary, and wet! He's sure that this is going to be the worst day ever. But when the rest of their classmates rush straight into the pool, Splat and Spike find that they may have more in common than they thought. Will Splat overcome his fear of water and get into the pool? And how can he help Spike to do the same?

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

We are big Splat the Cat fans and have many of the books. I tend to like those authored by Rob Scotton more than the "I Can Read" books authored by the publisher, but this one is not a favorite. There are words used in this book that I change, like calling someone a "loser" when other words could easily have been substituted (last one to the other side of the pool is a "loser" could easily have been "rotten egg" or something of that ilk). Not sure why an author of children's books or an editor of children's books would use words like that. Its unnecessary for the story.

Ok so it gets 2 stars because splat the cat learns to try something new and overcomes a fear of water, but his friend calls him names and his mom brushes his worries aside. Not well written

enough to be as cute as it could have been.

I am a first grade teacher and my students love Splat. The illustrations are engaging and adorable. Each time we read it the kids find something new in the illustration that they had not noticed before. Splat also encounters problems that children can relate to. They have many of the same fears that Splat has in Scotton's books. Not only have I used the Splat books for pure pleasure, but for reading response, giving students an opportunity to relate to the experiences Splat has.

Love these books for their teaching quality, however, I have noticed, the author tries to over simplify, and it sometimes comes across in reading aloud as a fleeting thought...SQUIRREL!....sort of read. Still, my kids love them.

Having seen Splat the Cats popularity here on , this was the first book of his we bought. I think it is just terrible. The story and the wording doesn't "flow" from one part of Splat's day to the next. Maybe it is supposed to be this way, but the sentences leave you tongue tied and tripping over the words constantly. Personally, I find that rather annoying... especially since the author doesn't use rhyming in the traditional way. Still giving it two stars as it is a book my son likes me to read to him.... since he is two, I find myself making up my own story for splat as we go along instead of reading the actual story.

I didn't buy this book on , but I felt compelled to come post a review about it anyway. I read to my son a lot and he likes to read his favorites about a million times over, so it's important we find books we can both enjoy. My 4yo likes this one. However, I find the book intolerable. First of all, the antagonist (Spike) frequently calls Splat a "loser," which isn't a word my son needs to know about yet. That's not as bad as Splat himself, who spends most of the book complaining about baths/pools and resisting all attempts to get him in water. He's a whiny, miserable character who refuses to participate at school. Kids at this age mimic everything, and I just don't want my kids mimicking these kinds of behaviors. It's also just not very well written. The story is odd and meandering. There's no flow to the words. As with all of the Splat books, the art is great. I love the style. My son also loves cats, so he enjoys all the kitty characters and Splat's kinky tail. Other Splat books are great and I'd recommend them - but seriously, just skip this one. It's not as good.

Splat is not having a good day. First, his mom wakes him up in the middle of a candy fish dream.

Then she tells him that his arch-nemesis Spike is coming over after school. Oh, and swim lessons start today. But as almost any cat will tell you, water is horrible and scary and wet. The day keeps getting worse and worse. How will Splat handle it all? This is a cute story, but for whatever reason I didn't think it was as great as some of author/illustrator Rob Scatton's earlier books like SPLAT THE CAT; LOVE, SPLAT; and MERRY CHRISTMAS, SPLAT. Young fans will probably enjoy the story, but if you are new to the series, you are probably better off choosing a different book.

My third grade students love to read Splat books. It is at a level they can read without any help and enjoy the pictures. They gave this book a nice thumbs up rating the book 4-5 stars. I give it a nice 4 stars. It is great for younger children also. Love the art work. The pictures are fun to discuss as well as the story leading to a discussion on how to get along with others, fears, and doing the right thing.

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