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Inspired by a story about the damage than can be caused by spreading rumours about what one sees rather than by seeking truth, credited to Baal Shem Tov - "Master of the Good Name."

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From Reader Review *Mr. Peabody's Apples* for online ebook

Jeanie {coffee girl} says

The picture book, *Mr. Peabody's Apples* is a story of a man who lives in a small town. In the book, Mr. Peabody is quickly judged by a boy who saw a strange occurrence at the outside market. When it happened again the following week, he damaged the reputation of Mr. Peabody by spreading the rumor of what he saw and did not quite understand. This caused trouble for the man in the small town, until he confronted the boy who started the rumor.

This is an incredible story to explain why we need to go to the source right away and ask questions before we start a rumor about something we do not fully understand. In the end, Mr. Peabody is able to show this young boy how difficult it is to pick up the pieces after a rumor is spread through a creative activity.

Rahmadiyah says

Ini cerita tentang hoax.

Madonna (iya Madonna yang itu) terinspirasi dari kisah yang sering disampaikan gurunya di Kabbalah. Madonna meramu kisah yang telah berusia 300 tahun itu menjadi cerita masa kini yang bagus untuk pendidikan karakter anak. Untuk tak mudah menyebarkan berita tanpa kita verifikasi sebelumnya. Sebab sebuah berita bohong yang sudah menyebar sangat sulit untuk ditarik kembali. Pun akan sangat merugikan orang yang menjadi "tersangka" kabar hoax. Mr Peabody menggambarkan dengan analogi bantal bulu. Kita sobek bantal tersebut kemudian menyebarkan bulu tsb. Akan sulit untuk mengumpulkan bulu-bulu tsb yang sudah tersebar dan tertiuap angin, bukan?

Pesan moral yang sangat dalam, meski bila merunut jauh ke belakang, bahkan saat penciptaan manusia, hoax sudah ada. Ingat kan kisah Nabi Adam as dan Hawa yang memakan buah khuldi karena "kebohongan" iblis? Juga haditsul ifki yang menimpa Ummul Mukminin Aisyah ra.

Jadi, berhati-hati lah. Islam misalnya lebih keras memberi peringatan bagi penyebar hoax. Yakni seperti memakan bangkai saudaranya sendiri.

*perasaan pernah punya buku ini, entah di mana dan ternyata belum terbaca...

**baru baca lagi...

Andrea says

Set in 1949 in the small town of Happyville, *Mr. Peabody's Apples*, written by Madonna (Yes, the "Material Girl"...) and illustrated by Loren Long, is a story that will captivate younger readers due to the story line and its lush illustrations. Mr. Peabody, a well-loved teacher and baseball coach, is spotted taking an apple one day without paying for it. Tommy Tittlebottom sees Peabody do this several times and then shares his concern with others. This then becomes gossip all around Happyville and people begin avoiding Peabody. Billy Little, a boy who idolizes Peabody confronts Peabody about this and learns the real story. Later, Tommy learns about the damage he has done and realizes it can never be undone. Through this story,

children learn that things are not always what they seem to be and that they need to be careful of what they say--as sometimes the damage remains forever.

It's interesting to me that this message is coming from Madonna, who, according to *Booklist*, was inspired by an old tale from a Hassidic master to create this story. We all recognize she has had her own fair share of rumors and harsh words spewed on her behalf, so it appears she wants to make others more conscious of their thoughts and words, a lesson we all need to be reminded of from time to time.

I also listened to this piece on YouTube using the link in the comments section for this book. It was Madonna reading the book. She did a fine job reading this piece, and I found both her reading and the beautiful illustrations brought me back in time to the simple town of Happville. This is a good read for K-3, as it explicitly states the morals of the story in the end and would be a good springboard for discussion in class or at home.

Oliver says

Mr. Peabody is a history teacher who is also a baseball coach. After every game, he takes an apple from a fruit shop without paying. Then, one day, someone sees him, and thinks he shoplifted.

I think it was a good book, and contains some good example for kids to follow. This book also teaches a good lesson about rumors. Another reason I liked it is it shows how rumors can spread, and how they have a great effect on things. One final thing I liked was the pictures, because they were very well done.

Monica says

This reminds me of a lesson I saw a teacher give with a tube of toothpaste. She told students that the toothpaste was their words and then she said mean and hateful things that kids often say as she squeezed the toothpaste out on her hand. Then she talked about how she couldn't put the toothpaste back into the tube and how they needed to be careful with their words because once the words are said you can't take them back. It was a powerful lesson and it would pair nicely with this book.

Sanja_Sanjalica says

Divna pri?a, jako lijepe ilustracije.

Jessica Saunderlin says

Honestly, I was not sure if I liked the book until I got to the end. What a great message! I am actually going to look for a copy of this for my own personal library.

Dawn says

Great book to use for teaching theme.

Jake says

I would recommend this book to a kindergartner or a 1st grader. I would recommend it to these people because i think kindergartners and 1st graders will like it because it is “baseball, solving problems and helping others”. This book is a good book for kindergartners and 1st graders.

Erin Reilly-Sanders says

I thought this story was rather dreadful. Rather than being uplifting, entertaining, and encouraging, it felt like a rather drawn out reprimand. As a parable, I see the intent of Madonna's story, but I think it's a rather didactic approach and doesn't have the possibility of a satisfactory ending. On the other hand, Loren Long's illustrations are quite acceptable, even if the quaintness of the floppy clothes and rockwell-esque figures did turn my stomach a bit. I do really prefer the Otis books, where the dark gravity of the backgrounds cuts the cuteness factor rather like a good tart raspberry sauce will cut the richness of a chocolate cake. The quality of the book as a physical object is really nice with thick cardstock pages and a matte textured dust jacket. However, do not be fooled be the publisher's investment in this title- skip it entirely and read/buy something else.

Amanda Schreiber says

Great reminder that words have power & you can't talk back what you say. Perfect for the start of anew school year.

Tory Haberman says

Mr. Peabody’s Apples by Madonna and illustrated by Loren Long is about a history teacher named Mr. Peabody who organized baseball games with other schools every Saturday. No matter who won, his elementary school children had a great time because of their love for baseball. After each game, Mr. Peabody would clean up the field (with the help of a student named Billy Little), walk home down the main street of Happville waving to everyone he knew, and pick out the shiniest apple from Mr. Funkadeli’s market and put it in his pocket. However, on one particular day, Tommy Tittlebottom saw Mr. Peabody do this and believed he was not paying for the apple (was stealing). He told his friends, who told their parents, who told their neighbors, and so on.

The following Saturday, Mr. Peabody wondered why no one showed up for the baseball game. Little Billy walked up to Mr. Peabody sadly, and told him everything. With that, Mr. Peabody took Billy to Mr. Funkadeli's market and found the truth of the matter was that Mr. Peabody paid for the apples every Saturday morning when he would pick up his milk. Astonished, Billy went to find Tommy and explained everything. Later that day, Tommy showed up at Mr. Peabody's house and apologized, asking how he could make it up to him. Mr. Peabody told Tommy to meet him at the bleachers with a feather pillow and with that, Tommy was off.

Later that day, Mr. Peabody had Tommy rip open the pillow at the top of the bleachers and let all the feathers loose. He told Tommy that he must go pick up the feathers which Tommy thought would be impossible. However, Mr. Peabody reminded him that it is impossible to undo the damage he had done spreading that rumor that he was a thief; and with that, Tommy understood and began.

This book is a great book for kids of any age and even adults. It teaches a good life lesson to children that they should not be so quick to judge and that words can be very powerful. It is important to get the truth and the whole truth before passing judgment on someone. Also, the text in the book really enhanced the pictures as did the pictures for the text. Each illustration had a specific featured text underneath that represented what action was being performed in the image. This helps children to identify each picture and focus on the importance of each illustration. Not only that, but the small images placed around, on, or near the text on the opposite side of the illustrations really enhance the book and brings creativity, uniqueness, and allows the reader to connect with the book even more. They also enhance the older style look when kids would play baseball in jeans, shirts, and Converse shoes. I really enjoyed reading this book and would recommend it for everyone to read!

Erin says

Great little read with a student this afternoon during resource time. Words can be powerful and in this text, a boy finds himself with much remorse after starting a story about his local baseball coach. Really enjoyed the illustrations!

Charlotte says

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The book is about Mr. Peabody who is a baseball coach, and it's also about Tommy a baseball player who is a student of Mr. Peabody. Billy is a little kid who isn't a big kid, he is also a student of Mr. Peabody. Mr. Peabody picked up the shiniest apple at a market in the town called Happyville while Billy Little was at baseball field. Mr. Peabody asked Billy to cut his pillow in half and the feathers flow out of the pillow that was cut in half.

I liked this book because it was good and it was a amazing book about Mr. Peabody, Tommy and Billy. I give this book a rate of five stars because I think that it is a good book for young kids to read in class or at home with their parents. This book is about a coach and his baseball players. Billy Little is nice to Mr. Peabody and I give this book a thumbs up if you haven't read this book already.

Marley says

I think it was a good book.
