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Robin pulls a baby out of a hole in sandbox and tries to find an adult who will care for it.

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From Reader Review Murmel, Murmel, Murmel for online ebook

David says

Murmel, Murmel, Murmel by Robert N. Munsch, illustrated by Michael Martchenko, is a hilarious story about a girl, Robin, who finds a baby in a sandbox. After a series of attempts to find the baby a home, Robin finally succeeds, & receives a special present.

Great illustrations carry this story along. The conclusion reminds me a bit of Fire Station. This can be a good read-aloud.

For ages 4 to 7, humor and baby themes, and fans of Robert N. Munsch & Michael Martchenko..

Amberly says

My favorite part of this whole book is the very last illustration with the girl in the truck.

Whole And says

Awwwww, is the best way to describe this book.

Strange, funny and sweet is also applicable here since five year old Robin finds a baby in her sandbox and attempts to find who will take care of it!

A wonderful journey into a conversation about parents often need babies in their lives, not knowing they ever did! A wonderful approach to expressing to our little people how fulfilling having a child really is. It's an opportunity to describe the rich experience of deep happiness and joy often leaving 'stuff' behind to fully embrace a child.

Lovely!

DelAnne Frazee says

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Reviewer: DelAnne

Five year old Robin finds a baby in her sandbox one day and decides that she will find it a home. When I chose this book for review from NetGalley I thought it sounded adorable and it is funny and kind of quirky. It is told in an easy simple form so that small children can understand it with some lovely illustrations that mirror the story beautifully.

Unfortunately after I read it through first I was reluctant to read it to any of my nieces or nephews. With the media full of the awful things that happen to small children and babies today I did not want to influence them to even think of emulating Robin. This is the first book by Robert Munsch that I have ever read. I like his writing style, but not the overall content of this particular book. That may not bother some, but if this is his usual subject, children placing themselves in parallel or neglected by no supervision, then I am afraid I shall not be reading any others.

If I had not been so disturbed by the way it ended I would have given this book a five out of five, but because I was I am giving it a 3.5 .

C-chan says

This is among my favourite of Robert Munsch's books!

I love the baby, I love the use of seventeen (why seventeen, I don't know, but the repetition is great).

Also, I love that the baby says yes. It's kind of a deus ex machina but it's so perfect and I love it.

Edwina Callan says

Not surprised to see this on the banned books list.

Creepy little story about a 5 year old girl who finds a baby buried in her sandbox and then walks all over town with the baby trying to give it away to complete strangers. *shudders*

Not something I would have read to my children when they were small.

Kate says

Classic Munsch but not the best of his classics. A hilarious read-aloud for storytime. The words/picture ratio is high though so this book would not be appropriate for children who are too young (more elementary school than preschool).

Mary Brown says

Murmel, Murmel Murmel by Robert Munsch is a children's book about a little girl who finds a baby in a sandbox and must look for someone who wants a baby. She asks people that she sees on the street, an old woman, a lady in fancy clothes, a man at a bus stop, but no one she asks wants the baby. Then a man drives up in a truck and says he wants the baby and the little girl can have his truck.

This is a quirky silly book that young children will enjoy. The adult might be a little concerned about what happens to the baby but children just thinks its a funny book. The book is written with simple sentences using words that a young child will understand. The illustrator, Michael, Martchenko, has done a great job. The illustrations are vibrant and colorful and a good compliment to the story. I would recommend this story to any adult who enjoys reading to their child.

I received a free copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for a honest review. I would like to thanks NetGalley and Annick Press for the opportunity to read this book.

Shannon says

I chose this for my 3-5 year old creative drama class. I chose this because I adore The Paper Bag Princess and was looking for another interesting female protagonist, Robin is a pretty interesting character. Love the cadence of this book and the premise is fancicul and sweet. The girls chose their own character and then had one line concerning why they could not care for a baby. Perfect to revisit in the cirriculum later!

Anna says

I didn't especially love this one but our preschool class did, so that's what counts?

Morgan says

This is a short story written by Robert Munsch. It is about a young girl finding a baby in a hole in a playground sand box. The young girl cannot take care of the baby so she goes out and tries to find someone who does need a baby. Person after person she asks does not need a baby until a fire truck pulls up and the man does need a baby. I thought this book was a fun quick read aloud but was a little disappointed in just how short the story was.

Ryan says

I've started reading books to my son (he's due to be born in around six weeks). What better way to start than

with a classic? If I'm planning on reading more Munsch, though, I need to work more on my voices.

Mary Prado says

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Written by Robert Munsch

Illustrated by Michael Martchenko

Robin finds a little baby down in a hole in her sandbox. She tries to find a home for the baby taking it from stranger to stranger. This in itself is a bit disturbing. I was disappointed by this book and the story line. I love Robert Munsch but really felt this book fell short.

Kirstin Kemppainen says

This is a story about a young girl who finds a baby in her sandbox! All the baby says is "murmel, murmel, murmel". After many attempts to get rid of the baby she finally comes across a truck driver who says he needs the baby! And trades the baby for a truck! Very amusing cute book :)

Amanda says

This one is great for little ones who appreciate absurd humor. The story is about a little girl who finds a baby in her sandbox and attempts to pawn the baby off on someone since she's just 5 and can't take care of babies. It reads as a silly riff on the "are you my mommy" type books where a baby animal tries to find its parent, having no luck for a while and then finding a match. It ends on a silly note- the child gives a truck driver the baby and the truck driver gives the child a truck. This is all told matter of factly. Deadpan.

Some adult reviewers seem to be reading this as a grisly true crime story (baby abandoned in sandbox) and a bad lesson (if you find a baby in a hole in the sandbox you should call the police!).

Reading this to my 4 year old, she does not once become horrified about abandoned babies. She giggles and says "babies don't come from a sandbox!" "Babies don't say murmel murmel murmel!" "Kids can't drive!"

I've brought home lots of serious children's books that teach lessons- books with female engineers or pilots (my child should know that girls can be what they want to be!) books about other cultures (important!) books about kindness etc, determination, sharing ad nauseum... My daughter actually requests Murmel Murmel Murmel and other humorous Munsch books while the serious, poetic, aspirational and moralistic ones gather dust.

TLDR-funny book for kids who like silliness. Not quite as funny as 50 below zero. Funnier but less life-lesson-ish than Stephanie's Ponytail.
