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Losing to a girl in laser tag is the pits---especially if it's to Melanie "Thumbs" Nottingham. So the Hashbrown gang comes up with a plan that will guarantee their success. But when plans go awry and they're sent to another dimension, it's up to Hashbrown

## **Hashbrown Winters and the Whiz-Tastrophe Details**

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# **From Reader Review Hashbrown Winters and the Whiz-Tastrophe for online ebook**

## **Dena (Batch of Books) says**

Cute book! Review to come.

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## **Shauna says**

I was having "one of those days" and I needed something to take me away from it all...

After trying 3 other books...I picked up this one...and it worked!

I was taken away from my troubles and thrown into the adventures of Hashbrown and his friends...this time into a different dimension...yet the same too...

No matter where you go kids are kids, bullies are bullies and everyone wants to be the winner.

This story has some really good twists to it....especially the ending.

Kids of ALL ages will love the Hashbrown Winters series

So forget your troubles for a while and spend a few moments with Hashbrown and his friends...  
They will bring a smile to your face :)

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## **Heidi says**

I admit when I first started reading this series, I found them to be over the top and eye-rollingly absurd. But as I've kept reading them I really started to enjoy them. Hashbrown is a likeable character along with his rather wacky but amusing friends. And it's not just their names either (Snow Cone, Measles, Whiz) that is wacky, but their unique flaws and strengths. I appreciated the loyalty and bonds of friendship despite the problems that arise. I think that is the message that shines through loud and clear in these books is the importance of friendship. I have to say that I've never come across a series with such creative plot twists and characteristics.

After reading this fourth book in the series, I'm kind of sad that there probably won't be any more Hashbrown and his friends along with Pordunce Elementary. No more Oracle (the original has been replaced by Fibber who lies about everything) giving advice. No more Pordtraz prison or Twinkles pawn shop in the basement of the school.

I think this particular book was a lot of fun. I mean alternate dimensions where laser tag is a way of life and will be played at any time and any place? What a funny idea! I wouldn't want to do it though, I'm lousy at laser tag, but I can think of boys I know who would love this idea. Overall, a fun series for reluctant readers and those willing to suspend their belief for a couple of hours of great entertainment. Recommended.

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### **Matthew says**

I read the first three books in this series when I was in elementary school, and didn't discover this final book until recently. I enjoyed it and the memories it brought back from elementary school. This was obviously well below my reading level, but the story and characters were fun, and it fits well with the other stories. I would have loved it as a third grader.

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### **Jnase1 says**

This is a strange little sci-fi book. It was kind of difficult to follow, but those who like sci-fi and laser tag, might enjoy it. Good for lower elementary, high readers. Some upper elementary lower readers might enjoy it, too.

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### **Mindy says**

Hashbrown, I'm going to miss you. Portals and all. This is Hashbrown and his friends toughest adventure yet. Still very funny and full of my favorite characters.

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### **Yvonne says**

Lots of boy humor! The best way to describe this is to say it read like an episode of a kids' action cartoon series...a good thing if you're looking for a book that would appeal to a reluctant reader. My only complaint is that I didn't know the back story of any of the characters. I'm sure that I would have enjoyed this more if I'd read the previous books in this series.

The publisher approved my request for a digital review copy from NetGalley.

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### **Dorine White says**

The Story-

Hashbrown and his gang are on a losing streak to Melanie "Thumbs" Nottingham and her groupies. Hashbrown's latest plan calls for trying to beat Melanie at laser tag. The problem- his gang isn't really that groovy. In fact, one of them is nicknamed Whiz, because he has to go pee every few minutes, and if there's not a bathroom around, oh well!

Hashbrown has hope. The Oracle in the Locker has told him not to use Whiz if they want to win, but Hashbrown's gang figures out that if you do the opposite of what the Oracle tells you, it happens! So, Whiz prepares to battle, only to end up "going" on the electrical equipment. This event causes a sub-space

disturbance, and Whiz is transported to another galaxy, an all-or-nothing laser tag game world. It is up to Hashbrown and his friends to rescue Whiz and save the day.

#### My Thoughts-

This book is full of boy humor and kids will love it. Though it is part of a series, this is the first of the group I've read, and it was fine. All of the boys in Hashbrown's gang have odd nicknames, and it took me a while to figure out those weren't their real names, lol. I really like that they all stick together and have one another's backs. It reminded me of The Little Rascals.

I did have one concern, and that was the use of laser tag as the main stimulus of the book. I don't know about you, but laser tag was big for me back in the late eighties. In this book, all the kids in the town seem to be into the game and there is a whole laser tag park. Then, in the opposite dimension, the whole world is one big laser tag game. I just couldn't get that excited about it, and I hope kids that read the book will know what laser tag is about.

Overall, a fun and adventurous read for ages 8 and up.

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#### **Ashton Widdison says**

The first Hashbrown novel was my favorite, but this one was fun, too. I'm so glad I have all four now. Great series for kids, or the kid inside you.

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