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**"This chapter has nothing to do with my pants."**

So begins the story of Scab McNally, a fourth grader with a mission. Part inventor, part daredevil, Scab is determined to let nothing get in the way of convincing his parents to let him buy a dog -- especially his "smart times ten" twin sister, Isabelle.

When his newest invention, a sister-repellent spray (aka Isabelle's Smell), becomes a hit with the guys, Scab hatches a plan. He'll earn enough selling Isabelle's Smell to buy a dog, and then his parents will have to say yes, right? But one broken bottle of the mega-stinky concoction brings major disaster, not to mention a hazmat crew.

In the midst of his self-pity, Scab realizes that his drive to get a dog has hurt the people he cares about most. Will Scab be able to set things right? Find out in author Trudi Trueit's laugh-out-loud novel introducing the irrepressible Scab McNally to the world.

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### **Christopher says**

This little story about a boy inventor who desperately wants a dog and ends up hurting his friends and "smart times ten" twin sister in order to get one was okay. Some parts were funny and some parts lost my attention. I like that Scab organized his thoughts in lists. Lots of farting and fart-like sounds in this one.

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### **Tanja says**

Even though I gave this book only three stars, mainly because I found the ending a bit too abrupt and overall not really my kind of book, I can just see how this book will become a hot item on our shelves as soon as word begins to spread. I am actually surprised that this book has gone unnoticed for so long. It is funny, gross, yucky and tells of obnoxious inventions and how to deal with annoying sisters - just the kind of book many of our boys will love to get their hands on.

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### **Sandra Stiles says**

Trueit I laughed and laughed at this book. I believe it is geared more for the elementary kids. Since I have reluctant readers, the tips, pictures and large print will appeal to some of them. Scab McNally is gross. This is the first thing that will hook my readers, the name and the fact that the character is gross. He wants a dog and tries to get his twin sister Isabelle to help take his parents into getting them one. She refuses. He decides to earn money to get his own dog and get even with his sister at the same time. He creates a vile smelling concoction he sells to his friend as a "sister-repellent". This was a quick read and one I know I'll be able to get the most reluctant student to read.

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### **Nancy Kotkin says**

A chapter book series with a lot of boy appeal. Contains some burping/farting, nose picking, and other gross boy-ness. In addition to the illustrations, frequent asides and insets are set off in boxes throughout the story, and elaborate on some of Scab's ideas and schemes.

To be honest, I'm not bowled over with this first book in this series. Scab takes a long time to feel some empathy towards his twin sister, an annoying tattletale who is going through a difficult time adjusting socially to skipping a grade. It seems to me that even a boy his age would have picked up on some of the clues earlier and at least tried to respond in some way that was not so totally self-absorbed.

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### **Jnase1 says**

Scab is an almost ten year-old boy with an infinity for getting into trouble. But what he wants most is to prove to his parents that he is mature enough to get a dog of his own. He tries really hard to be good, until his sister gets in the way. That's when he invents the sister repellent. It's full of disgusting ingredients like dog pooh and the smell is enough to drive anyone away, not just sisters. So, of course, he just has to sell it to the other boys. Unfortunately one of the bottles of sister repellent bursts in the classroom and the whole class has to evacuate because of it. Did he just blow his chances for owning his own dog? Boys will love the gross humor in the book, but I did not.

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### **NoyNoy says**

Scab a boy who really want a dog;sells Isabelle Smell which make Isabelle his little sister who Scab really hate and how Scab and Isabelle be friend.Cause the smelly perfume?

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### **Katie Helwig says**

All Scab has ever wanted was a dog. His parents don't think he is responsible enough for a dog though, but he is determined to show them he is since he will be ten very soon. One thing that keeps getting in his way though is his twin sister, Isabelle. She is perfect and never does anything wrong, except tell their parents everything Scab does wrong. Scab can't stand her! To get rid of her, he has finally come up with a concoction for sister repellent spray which he calls "Smelly Isabelle". It works great! When word gets out around school, all the boys want to buy a bottle of Smelly Isabelle from Scab. It is the perfect way for him to raise money for a puppy and show his parents he is responsible. He just needs to get Isabelle on board with asking their parents for a puppy. Will she agree after Scab has been so mean to her? Read Secrets of a Lab rat: No Girls Allowed (Dogs Okay) by Trudi Trueit to find out if Scab gets his puppy.

This book would appeal to boys in grades 3-6. Any boy who has a sister will be able to relate to main character Scab in his feelings towards his sister. The adventures of Scab and his friends are very amusing and bring humor to the story that would appeal to boys.

I thought this was a cute book. It was very funny to me because it reminded me of growing up with an older brother who always thought I was annoying. I liked the main character scab because his inventions are very funny and original.

Trueit, Trudi Strain. Secrets of a lab rat #1: No girls allowed (dogs okay). New York: Aladdin, 2009. Print.

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### **Martin says**

My favorite quote or passage was went the boy tells his dad that he wants a dog but his dad say he is not responsible enough.The book did not seem realistic because the boy's go to a laboratory and mix chemical's and nothing happen.I did like this book because out of a the book's i read this was my best book.It did

change my mind on something don't judge by the cover. I think I'm related to the character because I always get in trouble and making mistakes. The book made me feel humorous because of the things my character do make me remember when I get in trouble. I have something in common with the character I like fighting with my sister. My favorite part of the book was when Salvatore puts a cheddar cheese for two and a half day on her sister Isabelle's underwear drawer. My least favorite thing was when the kid try to convince his dad to buy him a dog. I will not change anything I like it how it is.

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### **Joenna says**

Absolutely hysterical! I would say a Roscoe Riley Rules for older kids, and great for boys.

Scab McNally is dying for a dog but his parents say he needs to be older and more responsible. Scab has the idea that he will make lots of money to buy his own dog. Scab is a secret scientist and has created the sister-be-gone spray, which he uses personally on his twin sister Isabelle, and plans to sell this spray to his friends for \$3 a bottle. The spray is nasty with all sorts of smelly ingredients, but the one that will make this a great sell, is to add dog poop!

Scab is raking in the dough, but at the cost of fights with his best friend and sister.

Throughout the whole book are little snippets and blurbs that talk about random things such as how to be a teacher's pet and the best time to take a test.

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### **Abby Johnson says**

Scab McNally (his real first name is top-secret) wants a dog more than anything. A dog, he knows, will love him unconditionally and a dog won't care if he's not super smart like his twin sister Isabelle. Unfortunately, he has no money to buy a dog and his parents want him to prove that he's responsible. When he invents a sister-repellent that he calls "Isabelle Smells", he finds lots of boy who want to buy it. Suddenly his dreams of dog-ownership might come true! But selling Isabelle Smells at school causes many problems he couldn't have foreseen.

This is a great boy book - perfect for reluctant readers who enjoy gross-out humor. And yeah, it's very gross. Dog poop, farts, and rotten garbage abound. I'd try it on Diary of a Wimpy Kid fans and any kids who laugh at poop (and isn't that most kids?).

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### **Rebecca says**

Written to suck in boys who like armpit farts. It was a fun, quick read with pictures and funny side notes. My youngest three were completely entertained, Nathan couldn't wait for me to get to the end and finished it himself. I love when that happens. I have the next two books on order from the library for him.

The descriptions of the bus driver had me crying! So funny!! “Have a nice day. Have a nice day. Have a nice day.”

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### **Dawn says**

Scabbs wants a dog, badly, and will do anything to get one, even if it means ruining his sisters school credibility and involving the HAZMAT team. This is a cute breezy book set squarely in third/fourth grade. This book will appeal to third/fourth grade boys because it is told by Smelly Isabellie's brother and it involves dog poo, insects and inventions.

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### **Ms. B says**

Gross-out humor for boys - burps and farts included with a fair dose of comic illustrations, side bars and text boxes.

Irresponsible Scab wants a dog more than anything, can he and his best friend Doyle sell enough of their latest invention, sister-repellent spray, for him to earn the money on his own? Or will he need to ask his responsible twin sister Isabelle, who has her own problems, for help

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### **Kristin Rosenberg says**

Salvitore Wallingford McNally (nicknamed Scab) is a fourth grade boy who just wants two things. He wants to make it through the day without getting into (too much) trouble, and he wants a dog. He's almost ten already, so really, how much more responsible can he get?

This book is filled with neat stand-out facts and tidbits about Scab's life, which really helps break up the text. Even though Scab is a goofy kid, he's got a lot of heart, and you really feel how badly he wants a dog. Fun to read, and with a character you can connect to, I would easily recommend this to anyone who wants a funny yet driven plot. (Though I'd probably recommend it most to boys.)

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### **Melanie says**

Scab McNally is determined to get a dog. If he earns enough money to adopt a dog his parents will have to let him have one, right? Well, let's earn the money first. So, how do we do that? A new invention! Scab loves to invent things.

Scab invents a sister-be-gone spray that includes, wait for it... dog poop! Agh! But it works. He becomes an instant entrepreneur at school making all of the money he needs to adopt a dog. But then his sister, Isabelle, finds out that it's named after her and the kids at school start teasing her. She's having a hard time already.

Isabelle tells their parents and Scab is forced to give back all the money he earned. He thinks that his hopes for a dog are completely dashed. But sisters sometimes come to the rescue of their brothers. Sometimes.

A fantastically funny story, great for older storytime.

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