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A humorous picture book about a bad guy who makes an important and life-changing realization.

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? a ? ? ? ? ♥? says

Sometimes things in life turn us into bad seeds. You ever had a day or a week that was just so bad and not everything that happened in the week was your fault or in your control but you just lost it? That is what this story is about.

This is about the Bad Seed. He was not always bad but everyone sees him that way because he makes up mischief and does things that are not socially acceptable, and frankly come off rude. But that is just who he is ok? Well that is not entirely true. He begins to tell us his tale of what happened to him and how he became a bad seed. He used to be happy and have a family but things changed one day when something tragic and unexpected happened. And it left him changed and different. He was no longer a good seed but a bad one, with no friends and completely alone. Things seem pretty direr for this little guy but then something happens and his perspective changes.

I wont tell you the end or anything but I want to talk about how amazing the moral of this book is. I have had a rough week...actually I have had a rough beginning to my year. I keep making mistakes and doing things wrong and just plain messing up. And at times like this week I feel like a bad seed. But this book is about choices.

We can either stay in the dark place we were pushed into or we can rise above and be a good seed. We can make the choice to fight for happiness. Every day is a choice and a battle. One that can be so fulfilling if we just let it.

Little books like this are why I love to read children's books. It's books like this one that remind us we can be more and have more, but it is up to us to make the choice to change. All we need is a positive outlook for a more positive future.

La Coccinelle says

I kept seeing this e-book pop up on the library site, so I finally decided to give it a try. It's actually pretty funny. The Bad Seed lives in a world populated by sentient seeds (and humans, as it turns out). He's a very bad seed. He doesn't listen, and he cuts in line, and he stares at other seeds to make them uncomfortable.

But he's also got a backstory that sort of helps explain why he is the way he is. Trauma can do strange things to a person seed. (His background is rather harrowing. I mean, if you're a seed.)

Can a truly bad seed change their ways? This book explores that, and while I found the ending a little too simple, this is a picture book, so I'm not expecting a psychology dissertation. The illustrations definitely make up for the thinness of the story's resolution; they're very well done.

I'm glad I finally picked this one up. It's entertaining, and I enjoyed it quite a bit.

Candace says

A bad seed. A really bad sunflower seed. We learn the seed's life story and understand why it feels it has to be bad. One day, however, the sunflower seed decides to be good. Well, not all the time.

This expressive picture book has bold, colorful drawings. The seed changes from a negative to a positive attitude. This produces mixed feelings, but it's a happier seed.

Kirsti says

Simple story about motivations for bad and good behavior. The illustrations are funny and expressive.

TL says

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Drawings: 3.5 stars

Story/Plot: 3.25 stars

Overused word but cute story.. thought that there could have been a few more pages to it though. To me the latter part felt sudden but that could my brain being overly critical.

I think kids would enjoy this. It might not be their favorite story *shrugs* or maybe it will, could be wrong.

Ellie Labbett says

Everyone looks at the Bad Seed in fear.... but just what might be behind his villainous behaviour? A truly HILARIOUS story with one of the funniest voices that I have read. Excellent comic timing.

Laura says

Come meet The Bad Seed. He's the baddest seed around. He cuts in line, lies, and so much more. What made this "baaaaaaaaaaad" seed so bad? His life changed in a hurry when he fell from his safe, sunny sunflower world. Changes that hardened his shell and heart. Can this Bad Seed turn things around? Can he be good?

Jump in and see! Come see the in your face art filled with lots of frowns, pouts, and maybe, just maybe a smile or two hidden underneath all that badness. The eyes say it all! :)

This imaginative read is chock full of all kinds of seeds and lessons. Just because you're bad doesn't mean you can't be good too. Seeds change ya know. We can too!

A silly read with a heart. Check it out from your local Library.

KC says

Sweet, silly, and touching story about how a sunflower seed struggles with being bad.

Mary says

This is a good story for children who are either experiencing bad behavior from themselves or from other people around them because it not only shares the background that could lead to such bad behavior but also shows the capacity for change. Detailed and expressive illustrations bring the book to life!

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Loved this book! A bad seed decides to change after he comes to the realization that all the other seeds are convinced he is the worst of the worst. Important lessons for small children and fantastic art.

B.A. Wilson says

My first experience with this story was phenomenal. It was read to me at a library conference, during a session called Draq Queen Storytime. It was read by a very charismatic drag queen, after she shared with us some of the reasons why she felt drag queen storytime was so special at her library.

And I loved it. The story. The presentation. Everything. I will probably have a permanent warm fuzzy place in my heart for this wickedly charming picture book.

Peacegal says

4.5 stars -- Titles like THE BAD SEED are why I love children's picture books. Clever, wonderfully illustrated, and just plain laugh-out-loud funny stuff that can be enjoyed equally by both kids and adults.

Pamela says

Oh you precious seed - BAD SEED - I love you, love you, LOVE YOU!!!

A happy family. A good seed. A dark turn of events. CATASTROPHE! Sad, Mad, Bad!!! Then after a bout of bad behavior, a change of attitude brings about brighter days.

Jory John and Pete Oswald, you both are creatively brilliant, picture book geniuses. GOOD SEEDS. You have taken a complex topic - family/home/upheaval/ displacement and the self-protecting "bad" behaviors that often arise from such - and created a beautifully illustrated, simply comprehensible, delightful children's book.

FIVE ***** Absolutely DELIGHTFUL / Children's Picture Book, Where "Bad" is OH SO GOOD *****
STARS

Jamila says

loved this!

Hilary says

A nice story about a sunflower seed who doesn't behave well and is proud of it. As the story progresses we find out that the Bad Seed has been separated from his happy family and has spent some time homeless. The story ends nicely, showing the Bad Seed trying to make a change. The illustrations are lovely and an educational message for children that if a child doesn't have a happy home life this might show in their behaviour at school.
