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Human Body Detectives Merrin and Pearl are at it again. Their magical ability to jump into people's bodies and explore their systems (digestive, skeletal, nervous ( June 2014), circulatory, and immune) combines science with their fun adventures to help kids understand their anatomy and how their bodies work. In The Lucky Escape, Merrin and Pearl explore their little brother, Robbie's, digestive system because they have to get a penny that he swallowed! Along the way, they slide down his esophagus, bump in to gas bubbles, and learn up close about the functions of the stomach and intestines, and so much more. In the end, they not only get the penny, but they also get a firsthand lesson on the functions of the digestive system. The Lucky Escape is one of five stories featured in the Human Body Detectives series, along with Battle with the Bugs, A Heart Pumping Adventure, Osteoblasts to the Rescue, and Brainiacs, debuting in June 2014.

## **The Lucky Escape: An Imaginative Journey Through the Digestive System Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Lucky Escape: An Imaginative Journey Through the Digestive System for online ebook**

### **Tabetha says**

I received this book off of Goodreads First Wins. I really thought it was a great book for children, especially in the age range the book targeted. The language is easy to understand, but also introduces relatively complex language (ie: the terms of the human body's digestive system). I especially thought it was a great idea to include the glossary for the kids to look up the words they may not know. This also teaches them how to utilize resources they have, which is a great skill to develop at an early age. I am going to give this book to a child I know and I believe they will enjoy it for sure!

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### **De Jr. says**

The Lucy Escape  
Human Body Detectives Case File #1  
By: Author Heather Manley

I have to say that it was a true joy journeying through little Robbie's digestive system with his older sister's Pearl and Merrin, sonrisa... Dr. Heather Manley's descriptive attention to details blew me away.... I love the way she draws you in at the start with questions as well as the answers as each question presents itself....

The graphical illustration of the characters in full vibrant color detail, adds eloquence to the already perfect symmetry in this wonderful children's read.... The Cover truly grabs you. Then the storyline step by step in detail takes you on a truly exciting journey of your bodies digestive functions.....any Parent would feel blessed to have this amazing book as a part of their Child's Library, and Mostly as an interestingly innovative teaching tool that "ROCKS"!!! A Must Have!!!

Reviewed By: De Ann "Native" Townes Jr. Author of: "Peer Inside My Soul and See Me"

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### **Ruth Hill says**

What an absolutely delightful book for kids! My daughter did not get a chance to read this yet, but I know she would love it. It is great to have a book that uses correct scientific terms when discussing the human body--there were some terms I did not even know. I appreciated the illustrations and the interactions between the characters. This was almost reminiscent of a younger version of "The Magic School Bus." I loved the pages of illustrations, descriptions and definitions after the entertaining story ended. This will entertain children for years to come. I can highly recommend this book to everyone with children, and I think it would be appropriate for school as well. Be sure to check it out!

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are 100 percent mine, and I was not financially compensated.

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### **Kim says**

I've been stewing on this review for at least a week - somewhere between 3-4 stars. The topic is excellent. As a family physician, I'm always on the look out for great books that explain medical topics well to children. I loved the language and technical approach to discussing the digestive system in a children's book. It kept my daughter (almost 8) engaged and excited. However, the writing was somewhat forced and I found the use of the apple icons and other reading "helpers" very distracting and not in keeping with the overall theme and focus of the book. Interestingly, my daughter who always wants to finish every last page of a book and re-read books, has NOT asked to re-read this book and did not want to read anything beyond the initial story which surprised me... I did talk her into listening to some of the jokes, but not all of them made sense (even to her father and I...oops, dare I admit that?), so? I was disappointed that the story referenced "colorful" foods which could mean anything (m&m's and skittles are colorful!), but was happy to find when re-reading it by myself that there is a good section after the story to explain what is meant by "colorful" foods. Great topic, decent execution.

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### **Amanda Woods says**

A cute story with so much information!

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### **Bill Tillman says**

Merrin and Pearl take a trip through Robbie's digestive system. You have to hold your nose at the end of the trip! Ages 4 to 10, its too grouse for older readers.

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### **Heather says**

Before I read it, I gave this book to my 8-year-old daughter to read. She was very interested from the get-go, when I gave her the book and she looked at the cover. It probably helps that she often says she wants to be a detective. She summed up her opinion in two quick sentences: "I liked it. There were some funny parts."

My 8-year-old is not quite the bookworm I am, so I am quite pleased in any book that gets a very positive response from her. And, trust me, this was a very positive response! Plus, she agreed to read the other two books very eagerly. (Perhaps there's some hope for her yet!)

When it was my turn to read it, it was easy to see why she found it funny: talk about farts and poop. What youngster doesn't find such talk even mildly entertaining? As I was reading, there were a couple of words I stumbled over, pronunciation wise, but there's a glossary in the back that gives definitions and pronunciations. Problem solved.

The story is engaging and full of important information. At the same time, it's not preachy. The facts are integral parts of the story. After the narrative is over, we have a short informative part that fully explains the

facts behind digestion. The bigger, scientific words are in green, which indicates that they can be found in the aforementioned glossary. Next, we have a couple of pages of some interesting facts:  
the stomach has 35 million digestive glands  
on average, a healthy person farts 16 times a day  
Americans eat over 2 billion pounds of chocolate a year

Next is the importance of eating a colorful diet, followed by a series of jokes – which, again, my kids loved!

After she finished, I asked her if she's willing to read the other two, and she was happy to do so – even though it meant extra reading!

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### **Mel says**

WOW!! What a great book for kids!! Dr. Heather Manley's The Lucky Escape does a great job presenting human body functions to children that is easy to understand and fun to read. The Lucky Escape follows Merrin and Pearl as they go through the digestive system of their little brother who swallowed a penny. We are given information about the digestive system and how it works. The vocabulary is presented using scientific terms as well as "plain" language for the kids. I like the children in the story "solving" the case of how the digestive system works. My kids laughed and asked questions for more information. The pictures, descriptions, and action kept the kids engaged. The addition of a glossary and jokes at the end were informative and fun.

Isak's review: (9 years old)

I really liked the Lucky Escape. I like learning about our body. I liked Merrin and Pearl going through Robbie's body and almost getting stuck in a poopie diaper. I laughed at some of the funny stuff. I even got to read about farts! I liked the jokes at the end. I told them to my mom and dad and they laughed. This is a funny book to read. I also learned about my body.

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### **Lu Ann says**

This is somewhat of an unique book. Through illustrations and other means of emphasis, the reader fill in the blanks.  
The illustrations are good. It is definitely a different approach to reading than most. It also teaches about the body in a fun, unique way.  
Aids in identifying objects and words.  
It is an advanced elementary reader.

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### **Mr Craig Turner says**

#### **Accurate short story explaining the digestive system**

A very easy read for most 8 yr olds. The language structure, with the exception of scientific vocabulary, is

very basic. However, it does make a great resource for learning about digestion. The kindle edition is poorly set. I found the pages were only screen shots and needed to be expanded to be read and then reduced to turn the page.

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