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Adam Melon's friend Lucy Rose gave him a nickname—Melonhead—and it caught on fast. Melonhead is a self-proclaimed inventor. All his life, which is ten years and counting, great ideas have been popping in and out of his melon head. And sometimes they work! This year Melonhead's class is entering an inventing fair, so he and his friend Sam are dreaming up plans. And Capitol Hill has a ton of places to find invention parts. But they have to be sure they find what they need and get home on time with no excuses. That might be hard, because Melonhead and Sam have a way of forgetting. But their work will all pay off if they win first place—they'll be headed to even bigger and better things!

## Melonhead Details

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### **Joenna says**

Great funny book for boys. Has lots of fun things happen to him in this book such as getting his foot stuck in a tree (he thinks it's the coolest thing that he gets to pee from a tree!); he finds a snake and thinks the snake "Cobra" would make the best pet; and he needs an invention for his science class. Needless to say he gets in trouble a lot by his teachers and parents.

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### **Linda says**

Love this book - so did my 5th grade and 10th grade sons - LOL. Can't wait to tell our teacher in charge of the Invention Club at school with all the effort to study and create inventions in the book. The other quirky notable is the way the kids come up with rhymes like 'Later, alligator,' but better - way better

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### **Amy Brown says**

For kids who like Stink and Roscoe Riley Rules. Melonhead has lot of ideas, many of which get him in trouble, ideas that involve snakes, getting stuck in a tree, and trying to come up with a re-invention for school. He's a really like-able character. Hopefully there will be more in the series.

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### **June says**

This started out really strong and had me laughing out loud. Kelly wasn't able to keep it up for the whole story, but I think any parent or child will get a kick out of the book. I'll come back and let add what the book club thinks.

Well, Melonhead got 2 - 10's, 1- 9 & 1-8. So, it was a big hit. One boy came up with some wonderful questions and comparisons to Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters & Pippi Longstocking. The children were even talking about doing the next book, one boy grabbed it. However, we amicably decided on Half Magic.

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### **Mary says**

3rd-4th An engaging humorous story of Lucy Rose's friend Adam Melon aka Melonhead and the crazy, unusual situations he gets himself into.

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## **Karen Arendt says**

I truly enjoyed this book. I love the crazy mishaps the Melonhead and Sam get in while trying to be good. I think this book would be enjoyed by many. I will now need to read the Lucy Rose stories.

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## **Emma says**

Hilarious! The main character of this book reminds me of the mischievous, naughty boys I love to have as students! The ones who would absolutely carry cereal around in their pockets, just in case they got hungry. This is going to be my first read aloud of the new school year.

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## **Kenneth McCalpin says**

this book is so funny! especially the parts with Julia the baby in them, because she will say whatever she hears, only a little weird, like if you say "armadillo" she'll say "I'm a pillow". the story is like this: the main character (whose real name is Adam Melon though he prefers to be called Melonhead) has a project for the invention fair and he teams up with his friend Sam to invent something to win a prize. several failed experiments (including trying to hide a garter snake in Melonhead's room) later, they come up with a plan to win the inventing fair!

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## **Stephanie says**

Melonhead is this impetuous and zany kid with all sorts of crazy ideas and experiences. This book is well written and so funny! I was laughing my head off. I thought it was the boy version of Clementine by Sara Pennypacker. I LOVED IT!! It probably won't win the Newbery, but it was a fantastic book that I think boys will love. (Sometimes it's hard to find books for 8-10 year old boys, but this one is perfect!)

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## **Lisa says**

This book was so funny! The reviews got it right. Katy Kelly has a great "kid" voice for the characters, and those boys are just too real! I laughed out-loud and thought of other boys that I know like these two. I also like the curricular connection within the story, the students are creating Re-inventions. The idea is to repurpose something as a useful new invention. The idea of following the Scientific Method is effectively incorporated into the storyline. Kelly also has a couple of other books about these characters, and I plan to buy them for my library, too. I highly recommend this book for elementary.

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### **Claudia Fett says**

Melonhead is a realistic fiction story about a 10 year old boy who is trying to create an invention to share at school. He and his friend, Sam, get into hilarious situations while trying to come up with an invention. This book would be good to use during an Invention Unit.

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### **Sandra Stiles says**

The pictures and the writing reminded me of one of Roald Dahl's books. I love his books and loved this one as well. Adam Melon, a.k.a. Melonhead is a very active boy. It seems that trouble was always finding him. The story starts out with a lot of excitement. Melonhead has his foot stuck in a hole in a tree limb. It seems the whole town has turned out. The longer his foot is inside the hole the more it sweats and swells. It takes the jaws of life to remove the foot from the hole. He is an inquisitive kid, who always asks questions. So why is it that he and his best friend Sam are having difficulty coming up with a reinvention for Mr. Santalices' class? The book was full of all types of surprises. Some of them you are waiting for. You know the antic he has pulled is going to backfire. Something this are absolutely surprising. This was a wonderful book. It was light and fun to read. I would be proud to have this on my shelves at school.

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### **Laura says**

3 1/2 stars... I find it hard to rate books at this level, but I can say it's cute for 3rd/4th grade boys. It's kind of like Fudge or Stink. The jokes sometimes loose a little something in the delivery. The author often explains the consequences of Melonhead's actions before explaining what led to those consequences, usually leaving me confused -- "Did I miss something? Oh, now I get it." -- and forcing the humor to take a back seat to the "mystery" of what happened. All in all, a light, fun read.

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### **Gwen the Librarian says**

I love Katy Kelly's Lucy Rose books and now here is a story just about Melonhead (aka Adam Melon)! I like Melonhead's story even better than the books about Lucy Rose. It's just really, really fun.

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### **Alyssa Calhoun says**

I was literally laughing out loud while reading Melonhead. I'm not sure if I've ever laughed out loud reading a book as much as I did with this one. People kept looking at me funny and asking what I was laughing about!

This is the story of Adam Melon, who his friends have nicknamed Melonhead. Melonhead is constantly finding himself in some sort of predicament. Some of them he gets into by himself, others seem to happen just by chance. Most of them come about as Melonhead and Sam (his best friend) are working on a project for their school's invention contest. Adam's adventures include a snake, mouse, a dentist's skylight, a tree, the

jaws of life, head lice and so much more.

This is the first book in what is supposed to be a Melonhead series. I am already trying to get my hands on the next book: Melonhead and the Big Stink.

I am anticipating that this book goes over well (especially, hopefully with boys) next year. I have already recommended to one of our third grade teachers and told her that I've found her first read aloud for next year--didn't even give her a choice in the matter!

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