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Maria Burel says

The purpose of this book is to use a library shelf elf, Skoob, to teach library rules and care of materials. I personally felt that it came off a little preachy. While I could see using something similar at the start of a school year, or with small children being introduced to the library setting, I think there are better texts that would achieve the same purpose and not make the books seem untouchable, or the libraries as places of silence and “off-limits” to exploring children.

Jessica says

I really liked Scoob-- you know the elves from the shoemakers shop? It's about how to take good care of books at a library. Since I'm new at this job, this book will help share with students the need for certain rules.

kaitlyn says

I read this book to K–2 to begin a discussion about the rules in our library. It covered all of the main things I needed to discuss with the students, so it was great to read a page with them and then clarify what the rules are in our library.

They loved the story of the shelf elf—the way it begins with the end of the story about the shoemaker and the elves really got them—and they enjoyed looking at all the details in the illustrations. Because there are so many cool little details, it was hard to get the kids to stay in their seats and not try to get up to point out all the things they saw. They liked the idea of winning the Golden Shelf Elf Award and the possibility that a shelf elf might live in our library. It might be fun to make a little elf to hide around the library for them to find, or a Shelf Elf Award to give to the best library class each month.

Heidi-Marie says

This is a cute book to teach very young children the way to use and treat a library and its materials. The book is better used in library collections than a book to own at home. But it would be a great read to kindergarteners on their first day of school or trip to the library. Of course, nothing says a parent can't teach children even younger than that the proper way to use a library. My favorite part were the illustrations and all of the tiny book characters throughout the library and bookshelves. Even better that there was a "find it" list at the end to keep children more occupied for a time--and helps them practice "research" skills.

Sherrie says

I have definitely found my read aloud for Kindergarten through 2nd grade library orientations! This book is a

perfect introduction to using the library and book care for that age group.

Joan Oegema says

If you are reading this book to young children, I suggest reading the Elves and the Shoemaker first since The Shelf Elf begins where the Elves and the Shoemaker ends. Rather confusing? Well, try explaining the beginning to a group of kindergartners.

This is a good book for introducing proper library rules and procedures but it does get a little long if you want to keep the attention of little ones.

All in all, this is a wonderful book. Hopefully my students learn from the book and will be good shelf elves.

Jim says

amazing, detailed, beautiful, clever art. how should you behave in a library as told by one of the elves that made shoes in the fairy tale.

Rose Ray says

I LOVE THE SCAVENGER HUNT AT THE END!

Sam Roberts says

This Book is about a Shelf Elf that works in the public library. He tends to all matters pertaining to library regulations and book rules. His goal is to win an award and teach students the rules of the library. He goes through all the rules that good children should follow while at the library. The major themes of this book are education and fantasy. I thought this book did a good job of present the library rules to young students in a fun filled and positive manner. I recommend this book because it teaches children the importance of library educate.

Lindsay says

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fun way to learn library etiquette for kids

Shannon says

Ironically, my library's copy had something sticky all over the cover. . . I guess the reader didn't take the lessons to heart! This is a cute way to teach kids how to treat books and behave in a library. I loved the names of the characters (Ms. Paige Turner and Stacks, the Grand Dewey Daddy).

Bethe says

classic book care rules book - read it to K every year, have the bulletin board set and action figures on display in the library. We love Skoob!

Laura says

Great book for library orientation with the lower grades (k-2).

It reviews the expectations for the library and includes some interactive pages (looking for misplaced books). I have an Elf Shelf trophy, and the kids are excited about it. With the popularity of the elf on the shelf at Christmas, the kids relate this book with that, which is great.

We now have a Skoob who shows up around the library!

Renee says

This is a great book for teaching children about the library. It's really a one on one type of book. Not really great for storytime as the pictures are so intricate you really want to sit with the child to make sure they see the pictures. Fantastic illustrations.

Lesley Looper says

This is a book about good library manners for children. It seems like a good read-aloud book, though in the back of the book it provides a list of things to look out for throughout the book. Other than looking for things on that list, I'm not sure it would be a book I would've checked out for myself as a kid.
