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When Penny goes missing from the nest, Wilcox and Griswold are called in to track her down. Was the egg stolen by a rival for The Most Round in the Spring Egg-stravaganza? Was she used in a carrot cake or scrambled by a hungry porker? Or was she held for a hefty corn ransom? Who took Penny and can the detectives find her before trouble hatches?

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# **From Reader Review A Wilcox and Griswold Mystery: The Case of the Poached Egg for online ebook**

## **Becky says**

First sentence: 10:00 am, Headquarters. "Headquarters. Wilcox, here." "This is Henrietta Hen. My precious Penny is missing." "Did she fly the coop?" I asked. "Oh no! She can't fly." "Did she run away?" I probed. "Oh no! She can't run." "Can't fly or run? I've never heard of a chicken who couldn't cross the road." "She's not a chicken." "Not a chicken? What is she?" "An egg." I sure had egg on my face. "Are you sure she's gone?" "Yes, Detective. I always count my chickens before they hatch." "We're on our way!" I said. "Captain, we've got a Code 0, a poached egg." The captain held up a pot of water. "Not poached as in boiled," I said, "poached as in stolen!" We jumped into our cruiser and flew to the coop.

Premise/plot: This is the second book in the early reader mystery/detective series by Robin Newman. Wilcox and Griswold have another case to solve on the farm. This time it's a kidnapping case. Someone stole an egg. But who? And why? Can these two solve the crime and return Penny to her mother before she's hatched?!

My thoughts: I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this series. I loved the first book, and I love the second book just as much if not more. I love Robin Newman's writing. I love her puns. I love the dialogue. I love the pace. I also love just the energy these two bring to any case they are working on. I would definitely recommend this series to young readers.

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## **B says**

Hilarious pun filled mystery series with very cute, bright illustrations. In this book the two mouse detectives on the farm are asked to solve the case of a missing egg.

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## **Lynn says**

Wonderful beginning reader! Pun-filled mystery that really cracked me up ;-)

Quite a bit of text here and some tricky vocabulary so beginning readers may need to read it along with an adult. The book doesn't have a baby book appearance so older more accomplished readers won't be embarrassed by checking it out. Cartoon style illustrations add to the fun.

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## **Patricia Keeler says**

This is a wonderful fast-moving chapter book, especially engaging for budding young detectives! It's a laugh-a-minute for 10 year-old gumshoes, who also go in for funny, silly puns and tongue-in-cheek word play!

The two mice investigators, Wilcox and Griswold, are called to Ed's Farm by Henrietta Hen to find Penny,

who has been 'egg-napped'. The detectives have a cast of intriguing—and delightfully illustrated—animal suspects to interrogate, all with possible motives. There's a ransom note, "bring five bags of unmarked corn to the stable," that holds a clue that can point to the culprit. What a fun sense of accomplishment for the many young readers who just might suss out the clues and crack the case before our heroes do!

Robin Newman has created another tightly plotted, gripping barnyard mystery for young readers! This is egg-actly the perfect companion for *THE CASE OF THE MISSING CARROT CAKE*! Loved it!

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### **CCFuller says**

A review from our 1st Grade Class:

"It was very good because it had lots of funny jokes about food. It was really funny when they found Penny the egg and she could walk! She wiggled and wobbled! The bunny was funny too because she was in her pajamas and she loved carrot cake. The fight at the end had our class laughing so hard our teacher had to settle us down! The silly rooster made so many mistakes that he got caught. He needs to learn how to write the letter "e"!"

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### **Charlotte Bennardo says**

What a fun mystery for the younger set! Can you figure out who poached the egg?

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### **Stephanie Bange says**

Eureka! The second beginning reader in the series, another perfect case to close for the beginning sleuth. Using fowl puns, plays on cliches, double meanings to the best degree, clues and a red herring or two to throw readers off-track, Robin Newman cleverly gives readers golden opportunities aplenty to laugh aloud as they help crack case #1156. There is everything except the da-da-dum-dum soundtrack playing in the background as MFI Detective Wilcox and Captain Griswold solve this case of the poached -- stolen, not cooked -- egg.

Deborah Zemke's colorful artwork is a feast for the eyes, filled with details such as chicken names (Eggsmeralda, Lady Cluck, Pecky Sue), writing samples, files and evidence on the endsheets, and a roost comb pompadour to boot! Each adds a measure of humor and depth to the story. A perfect match for the text.

This upper level beginning reader/chapter book lends itself to adaptation to reader's theater for students to produce for a spring play, which is an eggcellent time of year!

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### **Michele Knott says**

Love this series - there are so many times I laugh out loud because of the silly puns and figurative language.

Would make a great, quick read aloud, especially to look as a mentor text to look at how the author played with language.

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**Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says**

Newman's writing is pitch perfect for the genre and style of mystery. Though, possibly, a bit more sophisticated humor than typical of 7 year olds, the story is still enjoyable for readers at any age. This series is welcomed for readers that are ready for a challenge but do not have the stamina for a longer chapter book.

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