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Bored and restless on a summer day, a little boy steals his sister's bunny and sends it on an adventure. He is well satisfied with the results—until his own stuffed animal disappears. Could it be that he is not the only troublemaker around . . . ?

A case of sibling rivalry is neatly resolved with the “assistance” of a hilarious raccoon in Lauren Castillo's warm, simple text and gorgeous classic illustrations.

## **The Troublemaker Details**

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## Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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A boy and his stuffed animal are bored and decide to steal his sister's bunny. This gives a watching troublemaker an idea of his own!

I was sucked right into this story and as my nephew and I noticed a visitor in the background we became enchanted with the story being told without being talked about in the text! We loved that the illustrations went so well with the nature of the story. The thick black lines give the story a vintage feel as well. My nephew loved the end and the tree bed was what he wanted to draw (he loves to draw a spread from each book we read together!)

I'm not sure the message about sibling rivalry was tied up very well. We did talk about what was going on as we read. At this point my nephew thought it was just a cute story he didn't really grasp that taking other people's things is not a good thing.

BOTTOM LINE: Raccoon lovers will adore this sibling book!

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## Karen Bessin says

***The Troublemaker* by Lauren Castillo (Clarion Books, 2014)**

*Publisher's age range: Ages 4-7*

*My recommended age range: Ages 4-7*

Castillo uses bold lines, bright colors, and dramatic shadows to tell a familiar story of a boy who likes to play tricks on his sister. The drama builds when the boy himself becomes a victim of a trickster and learns a lesson about empathy. *The Troublemaker* would be a fun storytime read and could be used for lessons about making predictions as well as to introduce conversations about empathy. With sharp contrast on each page to add visual appeal, a humorous twist, and a lovable villain, *The Troublemaker* will have wide appeal among the target age group.

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## Garren says

Not exactly my vibe, but it has a strong Calvin and Hobbes summer nostalgia feel that makes me want to

push it on others anyway.

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### **Laura says**

A young boy kidnaps his sister's bunny and ends up with a time out. When the bunny and the boy's beloved stuffed raccoon go missing, the family ends their day by going to bed without stuffed animals. The next morning, the boy discovers that a clever and curious raccoon has stolen the toys and his blanket. The illustrations reveal the raccoon's troublemaker ways from the beginning of the story and young readers will enjoy following this important plot line.

I think this is a great text for introducing the idea of the Boy Who Cried Wolf -- young listeners will be able to understand why the family doesn't believe the boy after he steals the bunny the first time.

Recommended for preschool through kindergarten.

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### **Sarah says**

A delightful book with nice illustrations.

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### **Marianne says**

more of a 2.5. the illustrations are actually pretty cute and there's nothing \*wrong\* with the story except that it reminded me of the sort of story that a kid latches on to and makes you read and reread 90 million times more than you're actually interested in doing so.... one of those it's not the book, it's me, deals :)

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### **Bookworm's Nemesis says**

3.5 stars

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### **Kelly says**

Things are disappearing from the yard and the house, but it's not the boy in the family who is doing it, when he initially gets blamed.

This was a nice book with nice illustrations.

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### **Jillian Heise says**

I think those kids who feel they always get blamed for something they didn't do will latch onto this book. I felt the simplicity of the text was not as strong as the story through the illustrations.

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### **Edward Sullivan says**

The real raccoon is the rascal.

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### **Margie says**

Family vacation memories are full of the ongoing battle of my Dad versus the raccoons. Ingenious designs, guaranteed fool-proof contraptions were no match for the hands and minds of these nighttime marauders. We laughed ourselves silly as we watched evening after evening.

From time to time humans have been known to replicate certain skills exhibited by these bandits from the wild. In her newest title, *The Troublemaker* (Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), author/illustrator Lauren Castillo tells a turnabout tale bursting with humor. A brother has met his match.

My full review: <http://bit.ly/1oFU3os>

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### **Mary says**

A humorous picture book about being unfairly blamed for something. Suitable for preschool-1st graders, this story will especially be enjoyed by those who have had experiences with pesky raccoons. Lauren Castillo's illustrations are sweet as always.

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### **Tommie Branscum says**

This is a cute little story. It has some good opportunities to let students study illustrations. Simple text and cute illustrations.

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### **Ma Jiani?Marjorie? says**

This is an interesting book on anti-teaching materials education. In *The Troublemaker*, a boy borrowed his sister's beloved rabbit to play a pirate game and then experienced her pain when his own plush toy disappeared. A lot of changes have taken place in the story. The boy took pirates with his sister's rabbit and then returned it. The raccoon then stole the rabbit again. Then it came back. The boy's plush raccoon. This kind of description is a good description of narrative teaching in writing teaching. Through the combination

of textual plots and illustrations, the story can become more interesting.

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### **Lynn Davidson says**

A little boy takes some of his sister's things to play with and gets scolded for it. When his own things are taken he's not happy about it, blaming his sister. The next day he discovers who the thief really is. Cute story.

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