



OLENTANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM

LOCATION

Building(s): Olen tangy Liberty Middle School

Classes/Grade Level(s): 6-8th

ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title/Author: Bad Guys, Aaron Blabey

Genre: Fiction, humor, Graphic Novel

Lexile Reading Level: 500-550

Total number of pages: 144

Book Summary (abbreviated, bulleted list or link to a book summary)

"I wish I'd had these books as a kid. Hilarious!" -- Dav Pilkey, creator of Captain Underpants and Dog Man

This *New York Times* bestselling illustrated series is perfect for fans of Dog Man and Captain Underpants.

They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys . . . and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all of that...

Mr. Wolf has a daring plan for the Bad Guys' first good mission. They are going to break two hundred dogs out of the Maximum Security City Dog Pound. Will Operation Dog Pound go smoothly? Will the Bad Guys become the Good Guys? And will Mr. Snake please stop swallowing Mr. Piranha?!

Potentially Objectionable Content (list all categories and at least one example, referenced with a page or chapter number)

Book Reviews (1-2 link(s)) *Note: teacher is not responsible for broken links*

Gr 2-4—Be prepared to hear laughter, and lots of it, as students plunge into this graphic novel hybrid. The story opens with Mr. Wolf speaking directly to the audience. Despite his "big, pointy



teeth," his "razor-sharp claws," and his suspicious rap sheet filled with familiar "Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood" references, he implores readers to believe he is not a bad guy. Mr. Wolf is on a quest to persuade his carnivorous friends to be part of the Good Guys Club. Their first mission is to rescue a cat from a tree, and even though his friends think Mr. Wolf has lost his mind, they agree to help. Illustrations exaggerate the animals' sharp teeth and wide smiles as they stare up at the terrified kitty. After a few bumps in the plan (namely, Mr. Snake eating Mr. Piranha), an accidental success ensues and they move on to their grand plan of freeing 200 dogs from the pound. Expressive illustrations and typography will captivate budding readers' attention and aid in comprehension. Witty and slapstick humor coupled with menacing animal faces on a bright orange cover ensures this book will appeal to a wide audience. VERDICT Reminiscent of Aaron Reynolds's *Carnivores* and Jon Scieszka's *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, this humorous title is highly recommended for all libraries.—Beth Parmer, New Albany Elementary Library, OH

Review

Praise for *The Bad Guys*: "[T]his book instantly joins the classic ranks of *Captain Underpants* and *The Stinky Cheese Man*. We challenge anyone to read this and keep a straight face." -- Kirkus Reviews, starred review

ABOUT THE CLASS

Rationale for the Literature Selection (In addition to standards): (To be completed by the teacher or team) This book was chosen to read to help aid in comprehension while keeping students engaged with the humor provided by the author. Students will also be practicing their retelling skills.

The Ohio Department of Education ELA Standards (list priority standards *only* and abbreviations of the main ideas of the priority standards) [Link to Ohio's ELA Standards](#)

1. RL.4.10
2. RL 4.1

ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

What alternative texts would allow students to meet the same objectives? (1-2 texts, title/author; Note: these texts must also have lit. reviews forms associated with their selection)

1. *Dog Man* By Dav Pilkey



SIGNATURES (embedded jpegs of authentic signatures are fine OR
download/print form and obtain traditional signatures)

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