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A funny father-son romp for fans of *Don't Push the Button!* and *Mustache Baby*.

A young boy longs for a beard like Dad's, and when he discovers a hair-growth product called Beard in a Box, he must have it! He rips open the package, plants the beard seeds, and waits . . .

And waits . . .

And waits.

Hilarious art and a feel-good ending make this the perfect Father's Day gift for bearded and clean-shaven readers alike!

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Diana Murray says

Oh my goodness. My first grader loved this book. Every single page made her giggle. We could barely get past the endpapers because she had to stop and try to imitate some of the beards with an app on her ipod. When we finished reading it, she proclaimed that she "LOVED" it and then went back to show me all her favorite styles. Haven't read it with the 10 year old yet, but I know she'd love it too. It's totally her sense of humor (she loves commercial parodies), not to mention she has an extensive mustache collection. Also, my first grader said, "This sounds like something I would write." I take that to mean it has a lot of kid appeal. I also appreciated that the text was just the right length and not too long.

Karin says

A kid wants a beard like his dad because he has decided the beard is what makes his dad the greatest. When he sees a commercial on TV promising a beard in 5 easy steps he immediately orders the Beard in a Box. As soon as it arrives he begins the 5 steps. THEN he reads the directions and realizes it is all a scam. Dad hears him throwing a fit and comes to explain that the beard isn't what makes you cool; its the kind of person you are inside. Dad has shaved his beard, by the way. Good to share with kids of any age when discussing false advertising or tricks in advertising.

Chelsea says

A charming tale about how appearances aren't what make you awesome, but your personality and what you do that does! I truly appreciated this hilarious tale and the message that it delivered. I believe that it is important that all children are exposed to this message and realize that appearance is not what truly matters, but who you are as a person that does.

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Rachel Watkins says

Everyone knows beards are all the rage and this new book is sure to thrill the bearded dads in your life. The young boy in BEARD IN A BOX will do just anything to grow a beard and be like his awesome dad. Very sweet.

Abigail says

Absolutely adorable.

Heidi says

In this delightfully funny look at what makes dad so awesome, a young boy figures it's his father's beard that makes him so cool. So he searches for a way to become awesome like his dad. When he sees a commercial on TV for a beard in a box, he is ecstatic and orders one right away (after several misadventures, one involving shaving the cat). But things don't work quite the way he expected and his frustration boils over, until awesome dad steps in to save the day. Not only a fun look at a sweet relationship between father and son, but also a commentary on how misleading commercials can sometimes be. A laugh-out-loud book that is bound to be a favorite of young readers.

Note: This book would also be great for a teacher/librarian to use in introducing the topic of media literacy/advertising.

Rebecca Ann says

This would be a hilarious book for an older kids storytime (2-4th). It follows a beard-loving boy who buys a beard in a box to become cool like his dad. So many great things to talk about (scams, beards, dads, being cool)!

Kim Pocock says

I loved this book about a son who tries to live up to his dad...by growing a beard!

Pam says

Beard seeds! Ha ha. That's some Chia Pet action...

Alicia says

Cute!

Miss Ryoko says

Loved it! Cute story, fun illustrations! Well done Mr. Cotter!

laura (bookies & cookies) says

All this kid wants is to have a beard just like his Dad because he thinks it's the source of his Dad's AWESOME ABILITIES.

In the end, he's scammed by an As Seen on TV type product and discovers his AWESOMENESS was inside him all along.

Clarissa says

The boy in this book has an awesome dad, and he has figured out that the source of the awesomeness is his dad's beard, so of course he wants a beard too. He orders a beard growing kit from the SCAM-O corporation as advertised on late night TV. This book was delightful and hilarious!

Kristy Dempsey says

Sweet, silly fun. 2nd and 3rd graders animatedly discussed the grown-up things they can't wait to do after reading this book. Strangely, for most, facial hair wasn't on the list, though! They did have fun choosing their favorite beard from the end papers and the book prompted a sweet discussion about the things they most admire in their parents.

Jennifer Brown says

I thought this was a cute kids book. It does in a way play off of gullible people who order things on tv/offline thinking it's the magical "cure" for whatever. I loved all the different kinds of beards and then the end where the cat calls for fur for life (since he did get shaved :-D).
