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It is Chu's first day of school. Chu is nervous.

He hopes the other boys and girls will be nice. Will they like him?

What will happen at school today?

Will Chu do what Chu does best?

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Jeremy West says

Gaiman is back with his signature quirky style in this fun follow-up to Chu's Day. It's Chu's first day of school and he wants new friends...but can he keep his secret for long? I adore these books and want them to keep going forever.

Maggie KutsBorg says

Really a far cry from the first one, which has a really funny story. This one is just the typical "I'm scared of school / I'm at school / School was ok!" story that just zzzzzzzzzzz. I also felt like the text and pictures don't establish Chu's positive experience of school at all; he does his big sneeze, and the other characters smile a bit in their reaction shot, then it cuts immediately to after school with the parents. Illustrations are luminous and full of great details as before, however.

Kat says

Basic Plot: It's all in the title.

The art in this book is simply adorable. There are some truly wonderful, subtle details to the pictures to get any small child talking about what characters are thinking/feeling and what is happening. Gaiman's simple prose had my son anticipating the pattern of the story and excitedly reciting along on the first read through. Impressive. I adore Neil Gaiman, and Chu just gives me another reason to keep on doing so.

Pooja says

Chu's story has a uniqueness to it, which should be heard by everyone. Whether you're feeling down or just want to remember your school days.

Bea Charmed says

Chu the sneezing panda is back and nervous about starting school. He worries if he'll like it, he worries if the others will like him, but he doesn't, oddly, worry about his sneezing. It's a pretty standard story, with nothing new to add about starting school or what school is like. The artwork is still a delight, with the last few pages at school full of vivid visual details.

The teacher asks each student to say their name and one thing that they love doing, At first, the answers are cliched: the giraffe likes retrieving items from high up and the monkey likes to climb. Not exactly original. Around the circle they go with Chu last. With all the chalk dust in the air from the blackboard, it's no

surprise that he sneezes, startling every one. Sadly, Chu claims his sneezing as the thing he most enjoys doing and then the story cuts to him at home saying how much everyone liked him. Really? We didn't see anything to substantiate that claim. Sure they're smiling after his sneeze but how does that translate to being liked?

Despite the cliches and story inconsistencies, the story and artwork are cute and I think most preschoolers and kindergartners will enjoy the book and relate to Chu's nervousness. It did make me smile.

Archit Ojha says

When a Panda is involved in a children's book. I immediately jump on the chance!

First days of the the school are always special and Chu's books remind you of just that.

Laura says

3.5 Stars

Chu's First Day of School is soooooo adorable!

This panda makes me want to go out and buy bushels of stuffed animals to hug! That look! The look on Chu's face could melt the grouchiest grouch in all the land.

A cute, quick tale about first day of school jitters. A tale that shines with a just be yourself message. Don't be afraid to talk and share. Let it all out. Haha....Chu certainly does. :)

That said though...I did not enjoy this story as much as the first book. The ending felt abrupt. I even flipped back once or twice to make sure I didn't skip a page.

Every child is a little nervous about the first day of school though. Perhaps Chu will let kids know they're not alone and ease the worry.

A must read for panda fans for sure. I'm off to hunt down more adorableness from Adam Rex.

Dodie says

This book is great for kids for are afraid of the first day of school

Romelle says

The first line of the book felt out of place: "There was a thing Chu could do." It didn't need to be there, but I realized author Neil Gaiman wanted to set us up early on. It definitely served as a "hook." Otherwise, we may feel like this is another first day of school kind of book...which it is. Chu is nervous about going to school. He worried whether the kids would like him or if they would be nice. When he got to school, each student shared what they love to do, but Chu found himself speechless until the very end, when we find out the special thing he does.

What I love about the book is the character, Chu. He is lovable! Though I may be biased since I love pandas. I also love the beautiful and fun illustration style of Adam Rex, which brings life to the characters and the story. I love the repetition of words, perfect for reading aloud: "I love to _____. What about you?" "Chu didn't say anything." And I love the surprise that will surely tickle the young reader.

The storyline is simple and lacking in plot in the traditional sense. This makes the story come across as scant, but nevertheless, I found Chu's First Day of School entertaining!

Beth says

Just like with the first Chu book, the story didn't wow me but Adam Rex's endearing illustrations did.

Vi says

My son loves this book and frequently requests it as one of his three bedtime stories. Compared to Gaiman's adult (even young adult) work and my kiddo's other board books, there are a couple of awkward (pacing-wise) moments in the book but irrespective of that, my son adores the story (he loves the cuddly panda and that Chu goes to school much like he does) so my rating is probably what he'd give it, if he knew the world of rating and critiquing literary work.

Samantha says

I like it and I don't like it. The language was just a little awkward for me. The content was good: beginning school fears. I liked the scenes in which the children were sharing what they each liked to do and Chu's dynamic presence, but the text felt choppy when I tried reading the book aloud.

Oil and mixed media illustrations. PreK-2.

Iben says

Fortsat søde illustrationer. Historien stort set identisk med den første: Pandaen nyser -godnat.

Paul says

Loads more sneezing fun . Great fun to read

Miranda Reads says

Chu goes to school and sneezes. Not much plot development and the non-existent villain fell extremely flat.

What else do you expect in this series?

Audiobook Comments

I still think it's hilarious that they made an audiobook for this kids book. Read by Neil Gaiman - and (as always) he rocked the narration.

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