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Simplified Chinese edition of Miss Nelson is missing by Harry Allard and illustrated by James Marshall.

This is the first of the three books of Miss Nelson, the nicest teacher a student can ever have!!! In Simplified Chinese. Annotation copyright Tsai Fong Books, Inc. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

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# **From Reader Review Miss Nelson Is Missing! for online ebook**

## **Rebecca McNutt says**

I still have my copy of this book from kindergarten, and its story is timeless. These days it seems like kids never respect anyone; they're rude, nasty and cruel a lot of the time to their parents and teachers, but this book serves as a reminder to treat others the way you'd like to be treated. Accompanied by hilarious and brightly-colored illustrations, this is definitely an excellent children's story.

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## **Lisa Vegan says**

The story and the illustrations are humorous and cute. I'd have adored this book as a kid and would have reread it over & over, chortling all the while. It took me a few pages to "solve the mystery" because I am slow, but whether it's figured out immediately, as I did, or not until toward the end, the storyline is really fun. The names and words used are funny too. Very enjoyable! This is a great picture book school story of an inventive way to get a class to behave and appreciate a good and kind and creative teacher. There are so many hilarious bits within the story and as part of the illustrations too. I especially enjoyed the titles of the homework books assigned by the "mean" teacher and the shark tank page, but I appreciated the whole book. On the book's page it indicates that this is a series; I just might check out any other Miss Nelson books.

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## **Lana says**

"Miss Nelson Is Missing!" is a wonderful and hilarious book for children of all ages, and teachers too!!

Miss Nelson is a lovely, sweet and kind teacher...who has the worst behaved class in the whole school! they are rude to her and treat her terribly. One day though, Miss Nelson does not come in to school, she doesn't come in the next day either, or the next or the next! Instead, the children have a supply teacher... the nasty, mean, foul-tempered witch Miss Viola Swamp! She immediately whips the children into shape, giving them lots of extremely hard and long homework and generally makes their lives a misery, it isn't long until the children are yearning to have Miss Nelson back as their teacher, but no-one can seem to find her!

Finally, Miss Nelson comes back...the children are so relieved and happy to have her back that they are never rude to her again! It is only the black dress hanging in her closet that suggests there is a reason why we never saw miss Nelson and Miss Viola Swamp together in the same place...!!

I have read this story to children in Nursery, reception and year 2 and they all love it and ask for it again and again! Its great to see how many children notice Miss Swamp IS Miss Nelson too!

Overall, a brilliant book to read to any class, and a great idea for teachers too!!

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## **Matthew says**

*To check out all my reviews: <http://dancinginth3dark.blogspot.com>*

I remember when I was a little kid I had a teacher who should us this book and I do not remember what grade this was or if she read us the story or not. Anyway I am on this mission to discover classic children's books to read and fall in love with and for this one I found it adorable and smart. I guarantee you if I was a little kid I wouldn't make the connection till the end but since I am an adult it is quite clear where Miss Nelson went missing.

I believe teachers should read this book because I will be the first to admit that students can be absolutely cruel to their teacher regardless what age. I was in private school before the 2nd grade and I remember everyone in my grade knew how to behave without any demonstration. The moment I transfer to public school, the students were horrible. They would talk back to the teacher, make loud unnecessary noises, bully other kids, and speak foul language. I remember in my mind going what is this chaos and how do these kids behave with their parents because I guarantee you that my mother would have smacked me if I did half of what these kids were doing in public.

Having all these drama fits into this book and takes me back to memory lane. The kids are misbehaving in Miss Nelson's class and they disrespect her so one day she goes missing and her replacement is Miss Viola Swamp. Miss Nelson is a beautiful person with a similar resemblance to Glinda the Good Witch and Miss Swamp is the total opposite looking like a wicked witch. She is strict with these kids and she makes their life miserable the same way they treat Miss Nelson.

The kids are clearly desperate and want Miss Nelson back in their life so they act like detectives and hoping to find her without any luck. Luckily one day Miss Nelson walks into class and the students are ecstatic to see her again and behave the best students they can be which is great for her and looking back now, Miss Viola Swamp look awfully familiar to Miss Nelson.

This is a classic children's book which I believe every kid should read because its cute, short, and full of lessons that you should respect your teachers and elders. I didn't know there are sequels to the Miss Nelson is Missing book and I am excited to read them all to learn more of Miss Nelson's students and the return of Miss Viola Swamp.

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## **Ronyell says**

“Miss Nelson is Missing!” is a children’s book written by Harry Allard along with illustrations by James Marshall and is about how the school’s sweetest teacher suddenly disappears and is replaced by a vicious teacher who tortures the students in room 207. This book is surely a joy to read for children who love good humor and a good mystery to solve.

The book begins with the kids in room 207 misbehaving, especially since they got the reputation of being the worst-behaved class in the entire school. Miss Nelson, their teacher, tried everything to calm them down, but nothing worked, so Miss Nelson decides that something has to be done to keep the kids under control. The next day, Miss Nelson did not show up at school and the kids took this opportunity to misbehave even more. Suddenly, a scary looking woman in an ugly black dress came into the classroom and yelled at the kids to be quiet and do their homework. It turns out that the new and cruel teacher is none other than Miss Viola

Swamp and the longer Miss Swamp stayed at the school, the more miserable the kids got as Miss Swamp forced the students to do so much hard work. The kids then wondered what happened to Miss Nelson and whether she will come back or not.

***Will Miss Nelson return back to school?***

***Read this book to find out!***

Harry Allard has written a clever story about how the kids of room 207 learned the hard way about behaving when they are nearly stuck with a cruel teacher when their sweet teacher suddenly disappears from school. I think it was clever about the way that the children suddenly started behaving towards the end of the book when they realized that Miss Nelson was a better teacher than Miss Swamp after they started taking advantage of her good nature. James Marshall's illustrations are cute as the characters have black dotted eyes and pudgy cheeks. The illustration that truly stood out was the illustration of Miss Viola Swamp herself as she looked like a real witch with her long chin, her black dress and her striped stockings and she always had a scowl on her face everytime she looks at the children.

"Miss Nelson is Missing!" is a great and clever children's book about what could happen if one does not behave properly and the importance of trying to obey authority at all times. I would recommend this book to children ages four and up since I do not find anything unsuitable for the smaller children in this book.

**Review is also on: [Rabbit Ears Book Blog](#)**

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### **Amy Forrester says**

The students in Miss Nelson's class, Room 207, were misbehaving again. No matter how nicely Miss Nelson asked they won't stop talking, they won't do their schoolwork, they were even rude during story hour! Sweet Miss Nelson knew something had to be done. The next day at school Miss Nelson did not arrive in Room 207. The students were ecstatic, until they heard an unpleasant voice hissing down the hall. The substitute teacher had arrived. Her name was Miss Viola Swamp and her mood was as ugly as her black dress. She put the kids right to work and they knew she meant business. They had stacks of homework and story hour was canceled. As the days passed the kids realized they missed Miss Nelson! They tried to find her. They even went to the police department and talked to Detective McSmogg, but Miss Nelson was nowhere to be found. When the kids spied on Miss Nelson's house, they were scared away when Miss Swamp came around the corner. There was nothing the kids in Room 207 could do. They might be stuck with Miss Swamp forever! But then one morning they hear a sweet voice ring out, "Hello, children." Miss Nelson had returned! And she was happy to find her class had not only missed her, but were very well behaved too! As to the whereabouts of Miss Viola Swamp, well, that's Miss Nelson's secret and she'll never tell.

This humorous tale of a teacher in disguise is told in third person narrative and snappy dialogue. The text is printed in black letters against the white page and is laid out to match up with the corresponding illustration. The illustrations are done in Marshall's signature style. The line work is wild and the characters all sport

gigantic smiles, tiny eyes, and large amounts of hair. Watercolor washes provide color and background. My favorite pages show the students contemplating what terrible thing might have happened to Miss Nelson. The story could be a moralistic story about learning to behave if it weren't for the inside joke of Miss Nelson disguising herself as Miss Swamp. This makes the ending not only satisfying, but hilarious.

Full Review at Picture-Book-a-Day: <http://picturebookaday.blogspot.com/2...>

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### **L.E. Fidler says**

one of my greatest joys as a mother is getting the opportunity to revisit all the books i loved as a child with my daughters. last night (or, more accurately, this week), we've been studying the allard oeuvre (which fiona calls "oubray" and declares "better than camels" - i am not sure what that means, or what she thinks "oubray" is, but i like it).

poor miss nelson, her students stink. they misbehave and goof off during recreational reading hour and are total miscreants.

so she dares to live the dream, our miss nelson. she decides she's going to get those kids to work.

and she does.

the creation of viola swamp has to be the single most ingenious expression of the frustrated teacher brain ever. and miss nelson, she owns it. she dresses all in black, changes her hair, goes goth, and alters her voice.

then she works the crap out of those kids so that by the time sweet pretty miss nelson gets back, they'd rob a bank for her, if she asked.

i'm sure her methods are frowned upon, but can you blame the woman for just wanting a little decorum?

i can't.

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### **Kiera Burnett says**

#### Summary and Critique:

When Miss Nelson's take advantage of her kind heart and generous ways, she makes a plan to trick them into behaving. One day she "goes missing" leaving her students to an unruly substitute. She whips the children into shape, granting no mercy and allowing no funny business. When Miss Nelson finally returns, the children are so grateful to have her. I can still remember the first time I read this book as a child and how much I enjoyed the story. One critique of the book is that it is a bit older and some of the drawings are less visually appealing that what technology allows for today.

#### Classroom use:

This is a comical, light book. I would use it as a read aloud solely for the purpose of student enjoyment. It is books like this one that reengage students and excite them about reading on their own.

Genre: Contemporary Realistic Fiction

Format: Picture Book

Reading level: Grades 2-3

Theme: Behavior

Topic: Substitute teachers

Gender, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status: These details are not explicitly discussed.

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### **Rachel says**

Not my favorite so far but still not a bad book. The end was a nice little chuckle, yes, the ending was good.

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### **Elyse says**

Look at how wonderful Matthew's review is!

He is on a mission to discover the great classic children's books!

This is a clever -wise - mystery story for 'all' ages! A Treasure!

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### **KOU XIONG says**

Summary:

This book is about a teacher name Miss Nelson in room 207 where the kids misbehave everyday and doesn't show her any respect. One day, she had enough of their misbehaving ways and dressed up as a "substitute" named Viola Swamp. The kids did not like her because they think she is mean and a witch the fact that she would yell at them, gives them a lot of homework, and make them work extra hard. Soon, they begin to miss Miss Nelson and when she returns, they learned their lesson to never misbehave again.

Characteristics:

The book is a contemporary realistic fiction because it showed moral dilemmas in a school setting. The traits that fit in this book are presentation and organization. The presentation showed great illustration and the organization showed the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

Concept:

The book is great for grades 3 and up. It could be used to teach the students within the first few weeks of school touching on classroom managements and rules. An activity that can be use is having students write about their own disguise short story.

If you enjoy reading this book, other mentor text you would be interested in reading is

-Miss Nelson is Back by Harry Allard

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## **Samantha Hagler says**

I remember this book from my childhood and I have always loved it! I think I appreciate it a little more now that I am an adult and a future teacher. This book is a great read and the colorful illustrations will definitely help readers stay engaged and wanting to read it again and again. Miss Nelson is a class teacher in Room 207 where the kids misbehave every day and show her absolutely no respect. She is a very sweet teacher and the students take advantage of her. One day, she gets fed up and decides to dress up as a "substitute" named Viola Swamp. The kids think Viola Swamp is a witch and is so mean because she yells at them, gives them a lot of homework, and makes them work extra hard. The students begin missing Miss Nelson and when she finally returns, the students have learned their lesson and never misbehave again.

This is a fun book for a read aloud which kids will enjoy and be highly interested in the whole time. It can be a good moralistic lesson that teaches the kids to be thankful for what they have and not to take advantage of people. This story can also be a good first couple of weeks of school read aloud which touches on classroom management and rules. This book can spark kids imagination and creativity and can get them writing their own story using third person and dialogue. An extension activity could be to have the kids think about their own disguise and writing a short story about what they would use it for. Also, have them craft this disguise using art supplies.

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## **Teri-K says**

My seven year old grandson doesn't like reading very much, but he loved this book when I brought it home from the library and devoured the others in the series, too. He's not observant, so I had to point out the clothes in Miss Nelson's closet at the end of the book and ask him what he thought that picture meant. When he understood the joke he loved it.

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## **Sydney says**

This book by Harry Allard is a wonderful book. It is one of my favorites I remember from my childhood. The book is about a very sweet teacher who gets taken advantage of by her classroom. None of her students will listen to her or pay attention. Miss Nelson decides something needs to happen so that her class will listen to her again. The next day Miss Nelson doesn't return to the class, which excites her students until they see who their substitute teacher is. The substitute is an awful and scary looking woman who is not messing around. This new teacher stays with the class for a couple days and allows no room for goofing off. The students realize they want Miss Nelson back and go off to search for their sweet missing teacher. Will Miss Nelson ever return? Who is this mysterious terrible substitute?

The illustrations by James Marshall are great. I think he shows the scenes of the book very well within each page. He also is able to disclose the secret of the substitute without any words. The illustrations are very colorful and simple enough for younger children to catch on to things happening.

I think this book is great. It is very comical because you are able to see the behind the scene events unfold. It is a very abstract way to get students to behave in a classroom, but it is a great way to show that not all teachers are so nice. I think this book would be a good book for kindergarten through second graders. I think kids would enjoy the mystery of the story and it would be easy to get the kids involved in guessing where



Miss Nelson has gone and who the mysterious teacher is.

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### **Torrie Wilson says**

I read this book as a child. I can remember that a substitute teacher was the first to introduce this book to me. I remembered because I thought it was funny that Mrs. Swamp in the book was a sub and the teacher reading it was too. I think this book is a great way to teach students how to appreciate things and to be on their good behavior because you never know what will happen if you're misbehaving.

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