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What do leprechauns do? They bury a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, of course. But as Mrs. Bally Bunion's ox, Miss Maude Murphy's hen, and Old Jamie soon find out, they can't resist having a little fun along the way. For, besides burying pots of gold, mischief is what leprechauns do!

From this amazing picture book duo comes a lively fun tale that's perfect for mischief makers of all ages!

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Ashli Stroyan says

It is a gloomy, rainy day which means it is time for Ari, Col, and Boo to set off on their journey to uncover the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The three leprechauns are on a very strict time crunch, however, leprechauns are notorious for their mischievous acts. Throughout their quest they play many impish pranks on friends they encounter along the way. Eventually arriving at the pot of gold, they dig it up and the giant arch of colors hit the pot of gold making glisten and glow. The leprechauns waited and waited until the rainbow faded, but just like usual no one found the pot of gold. I much enjoyed the humorous nature of the three leprechauns. This book would be perfect to read to your class prior to St. Patrick's Day. At the end of the book Bunting includes a brief legend of leprechauns. After reading the story it would be fun to do a lesson on the history of St. Patrick's Day based on the legend in the book. Then, on, or before St. Patrick's Day incorporate the mischievous acts by "destroying" the classroom, scattering hidden gold coins throughout the room along with a note from Ari, Col, and Boo (from the story). This would, of course, have to be done when the students are out of the classroom because it's the "leprechauns" that do it! Following this could be a worksheet that would ask the students to apply their knowledge on what they know about St. Patrick's Day.

Eastofoz says

Cute, fun story about how the leprechauns run all over the place at the last minute to put their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow but for some reason no one comes to claim it. Along the way they cause a bit of mischief with the village folk but it's all in good fun. Didn't really like the illustrations which is why I'd give it 4.5 stars instead of 5 but the story is good for a St Patrick's Day theme.

Rosa Cline says

Interesting story of the leprechauns and what they do to put the gold at the end of the rainbow.

Kathryn Bergeron says

Summary: The leprechauns race to put the gold at the end of the rainbow, but they stop to make mischief along the way.

Why I Read This: I'm not sure, but it has something to do with St. Patrick's Day and March Reading.

Review: Meh. It was fine. I dislike people who make mischief and don't learn a lesson, but so be it.

Madison Godfrey says

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N_katiebernard says

This story tells the tale of three leprechauns. As they are on their way towards the pot of gold, they meet various characters along the way and play tricks on them. For example, they paint a cow's hooves red and trick a chicken into sitting on a tennis ball. All along, the leprechauns tell the animals that they are not mischievous, but the reader knows otherwise. When the leprechauns reach the pot of gold, they stay by it during a rainbow and wait for someone to come claim their fortune. However, no one discovers the pot of gold by the time the rainbow fades, leaving the leprechauns free to continue their trickery.

While this is an entertaining tale to share for St. Patrick's Day, I don't find this book extremely interesting. It's amusing to see what the leprechauns will do, but the wording does not intrigue me to continue reading to find out what may happen next. There were no specific aspects of the writing that stand out as a great educational tool. Overall, while this may be a fun read for some children, it is not highly recommended to read.

Michael says

I am pro-mischief!

Ivy says

This was a super fun read for all of my kiddos K-4. They loved learning about the work leprechauns do and their antics as well. The illustrations are as inviting as the prose. The children also enjoyed reading about the leprechaun legend at the back and learning their history. This was a real winner!

Carol Evans says

Leprechauns have a very special duty, to dig up their pot of gold and place it in just the right spot for the rainbow to end. On this particular day, Ari, Boo, and Col are on their way to do just that, but can't help causing a little mischief along the way. After all, that's what leprechauns do.

It's a cute enough book. The leprechauns are amusing and their mischief-making is cute and harmless enough, but they didn't make me laugh out loud. it's fun to read aloud, with the leprechauns having a bit of a lilt to their speech and the occasional odd phrase, like "tootled some grass-stalk music."

The illustrations by McCully are charming. Cute and colorful, they fit the light-heartedness of the story well.

It's a cute book to share with pre-schoolers and early elementary kids this time of year.

In the back, there's a note from the author with tips about finding that pot of gold that's waiting for someone with "a bit of magic, a bit of luck, and a bit of imagination."

Joy Gerbode says

Very cute book about leprechauns, and what they do ... hiding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow ... but also mischief and shenanigans. Very fun.

Ben says

This is such a charming little story. I liked the artwork and think this would be fun to buy kids for St. Patrick's Day.

Lindsay says

Cute story, funny pictures. My preschooler loved it.

Pam says

Clever story about leprechauns and all the jobs they do.

Jackie says

The leprechauns' expressions in this book by Eve Bunting are priceless! *That's What Leprechauns Do* is full of elfin magic and mischief. Alf, Boo, and Col sense a rain shower coming on...so, they must hurry, HURRY to place the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow...because, after all, that is what leprechuans do. Along the way, however, they are up to their usual prankster tricks and paint a cow's hooves scarlet red, tie Jamie Bradley's long johns in a knot, and convince Bridie the hen to sit on a bright yellow tennis ball to fool Miss Maud Murphy...because, after all, that is what leprechauns do.

They create mischief and they do it well.

There is Leprechaun lore on the last page with helpful hints for finding your very own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The illustrations in this book are magical.

Used for "Rainbows" storytime: July, 2011.

Jordan Schwab says

That's What Leprechauns Do is a pretty cute book to introduce kids into a fantasy/fiction story that is connected to a culture that might be different from their own.

This book is "executed" in watercolor as stated in the end pages. There is a wide variety of color and it is very bright which is visually appealing to me. While the colors are nice, the illustrations don't necessarily make me think "wow".

The text is a little extensive and might need a little bit of explaining based on the age of the child reading the book.

Overall I wasn't amazed at the book but I was amused.
