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Spud was a couch potato who watched TV nonstop until one day the TV quit working and he learns how much fun it is to play outside with friends. A great book for teaching kids about the value of being active and limiting TV time.

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J M says

I receive this as a good reads freebie and was thrilled with the color art work and the great message. I read it to my twin three year old granddaughters, and they wanted it read over and over. I also took it to work at the Library and found that all the tots found it entertaining and got most of the potato references... and I was entertained by this also.

Good Job Sean. looking forward to more. J.M Earley

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Danielle says

Such a cute book! I read this to my 2 year old son and he loved it. He pointed at all the potatoes and said "po." He had me read it to him several times. It has a cute story and a great message.

Jayna says

I received a digital copy in exchange for an honest review.

This is a very cute story about Spud, a potato who loves to sit on the couch and watch TV. Until one day... the TV goes out!

This is a great story to get if you are combating a too-much-TV problem! Or just to prevent a problem from starting!

Lia Burres says

There has finally been a book written for children to understand the fun of being active and outside. They will learn that being active isn't the same and they can have more fun. Spud is a cute illustrated book with a family of potatoes. The father is a fry and the mother is a sweet potato pie. Spud has a brother and a sister. What a cute family that they make.

Zelie says

I love the illustration, though I don't understand why Spud's parent cannot be 'just' potato.

Dolores says

No TV!!! How can that be?

A cute little story about a cute little spud and the world outside that he's been missing. The message is one that all parents will want to impart to their children; the the vibrantly colored veggie characters ensure that this is a book that children will want to read again and again.

Sue Hieber says

so cute. i have a friend who's husband has no get up and go, he spends all day reclining on the couch. one day, when the exact thing happened to him, that happens to spud, he went off the deep end, and threw a tantrum like a child. spud had more control!! i recommend this book for anyone who has a child, anyone who is a kid inside, or anyone who knows a spud. i am giving my copy to the afformentioned fellow for christmas with a picture i drew for him of "danny-the couch banany" LOL

DelAnne Frazee says

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Spud, The Couch Potato, son of a fry and a sweet potato, comes from a pretty normal family; a mom, a dad, a brother and a sister. It's just that Spud spends all day, every day on the couch watching TV. What will he do when suddenly the tv quits working and he goes out into the outside world looking for some entertainment. Go with him as he discovers what he has been missing staying inside, sitting on the couch, watching TV all day.

My nieces and nephews loved this story told in rhyming prose and the vibrant illustrations that help tell the story. It an age where we have computer games, and electronic hand held devices not to mention texting. There is little need for getting together for face to face with one another any more. Our children today have lost a chance at the fun I knew as a child pick-up games of football, baseball and basketball. running through a field for the fun of it. A sad state of affairs that the story of Spud the Couch Potato brings to the forefront and shows today's kids what they are missing out on.

Take a moment to share this wonderful story with the young ones in your family and encourage them to get out and discover the fun to be found outside their own front door. Tell them of the life long friends that can be made. Television is good, but should never take over and control our lives.

Michelle Hendershott says

LOVED this book, my 6 yr old son loved it as well an added it to his own bookshelf tonight. I see this book being read over an over again.

Barbara Ann says

Simple tale with lovely, bright expressive illustrations. Spud lives with his potato parents and siblings in a suburban setting. He is different from friends and family because he does nothing but sit on the couch and watch TV all the time; hence, Spud is a couch potato. Nothing else interests him, until one day the TV breaks and he is forced to go outside to find something to do. Some of the local potatoes convince him to try playing baseball. Is life outside the box so terrible?

This tale is told in rhyme that is executed well. Because there are only four lines on a page with simple vocabulary, the book is a perfect choice for a child just learning to read, and the adorable illustrations relate the plot for younger readers. A book that reads well with nice illustrations and a healthy message for children has to be a winner for all readers.

Hamster says

Got this from NetGalley in exchange for a review. Loved the illustrations. The message was timely if not a little heavy-handed. The rhyming prose however, left much to be desired. Perhaps Jackson was poking fun at himself with that line about drawing pictures of hens, but to me it screamed "I-wrote-this-poem-in-fifteen-minutes-and-decided-to-publish-it."

Storywraps says

This book with it's lovable characters will get you thinking about what is truly important in your life. Spud, a young potato, turned couch potato, does nothing all day but sit on the couch, flick his remote and watch endless hours of t.v. He sleeps in late and watches his family engage in fishing expeditions, his brother and sister read, paint and play outside while he just sits like a lump and doesn't move off his couch nest. Then one day his worst nightmare comes true and his t.v. screen goes completely black. He is distraught without his techie BFF and does a very daring feat....he steps off of his comfy couch and steps into the unknown world that surrounds him. Once outside he runs into some tater tots who are playing baseball and they actually ask him to play along with them. Well he is stunned, first because they invite him to play, and secondly because he has no clue how to play the game. He has never bothered to learn because t.v., sadly has become his life. Happily they are willing to teach him how to play with no judging. He hesitantly agrees and after a few weeks finds that exercise, the "real time" comradery and the fresh air are quite pleasant indeed.

After some reflection he acknowledges that he was wasting his time watching so much t.v. and it is much more fun to be outside jumping rope, running around and playing hide and seek with the other taters. The last line sums it up perfectly:

"So take it from Spud
the couch loving tater
It's more fun to be active
and watch T.V. later."

Very, very good advice indeed Spud. We all need to heed it no matter what our age.

Kathryn Dechairo says

There's a lot to be learnt from Spud the Couch Potato. A fun read that encourages us all to turn off the tv and go outside and play. Loved how his dad was a fry and his mother a sweet potato pie and the illustrations that go with it are just perfect.

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Emily (Heinlen) Davis says

I liked this story. I think it was a good way to try to convince children to spend less time watching TV and more time playing outside. The message was straight forward, which I think children will enjoy. I also liked the pictures.
