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The Encyclopedia of Immaturity® has been such a hit that we're following up with a second book. The Encyclopedia of Immaturity® Volume 2 includes thought-provoking topics such as how to slide down a banister, what we talk about when we talk about wedgies, how to send a toilet gram, and more. It's all new and all hopelessly goofy.

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The Reading Countess says

The fact that there is no Publisher's Summary, but rather a "description of the product" should be a tip off to the reader to not take this book too seriously!

When we published The Encyclopedia of Immaturity in 2007, we knew it would make a great gift for someone's nephew. And, sure enough, people gave it to their nephews — but also to their grandparents, brothers-in-law and accountants. Soon we were flooded with letters, e-mails and calls sharing one common theme — "'More! More! More!'" So here's a second helping of skills, activities, and secret knowledge — suitable only for those whose maturity stopped developing around the age of 12. In addition to thought-provoking topics like What We Talk About When We Talk About Wedgies, the book includes detailed directions for how to: fake a cold, slide down a banister, balance a ping pong ball on your nose, send a toiletgram, throw a sloshie, and more. It's all new and all hopelessly goofy. You can imagine our delight as we looked over the sales figures for the first volume of this encyclopedia. For years we've felt like the only kids at the grown-up table. Now it turns out the world is populated by a lot more people who are lot less mature than they look. Well, duh!

The status of the class is the first routine I do to kick off my reader's workshop each day. This is a time when I check in with each student and note the title of the book and page number they are currently on. Taking the place of a reading log, this has proven to be a powerful indication of the amount of reading spent at home each night, and a wonderful resource to track growth. In the past few months, I have noticed the title of this book being read with wild abandon, and I didn't even have one copy of it in our classroom library. I was thrilled when I saw the second volume in one of the Scholastic book orders last month, and quickly ordered it using my bonus points.

War and Peace this book is not, but it certainly provides a wonderful romp through the ridiculous. Full of hilarious ways to garner wanted or unwanted attention, play (harmless) pranks on classmates or family members, and general information for the young-at-heart, I found myself literally guffawing on several occasions. In fact, my own tween son was reading next to me last night and saw my absolute delight in the book, and is now earmarking several pages to try out on his friends in the coming weeks. This series of silliness makes a point for all reading teachers that nonfiction need not be as dry as toast. I feel sure my readers will be thrilled to see this one on our shelves!

Favorite shenanigans:

Give Mom a Diamond Ring (p. 4) in which the reader follows SIX pages of step by step directions in order to fold a one dollar bill in the form of a ring, and insert a dime in the middle.

Ten Things You're Not Supposed To Know (p. 134) Now, don't you want to know them?

How To Make Pickled Elf Bottoms (p. 168) Guffawing ensued when I saw how to make these!

Bobbing For Strawberries (188) I am hoping my oldest son does not try to recreate this one with his brothers...

Kathleen Garber says

Are you a kid in no hurry to grow up? Or an adult who wishes he/she was still a kid? Then this is the book

for you? This book has ALL kinds of crazy activities (or shenanigans as it says on the cover.) Here is just a short list of possible fun:

- * Air Guitar
- * Dog Couture
- * Frozen Underapnts
- * How to Bark Like a Dog
- * How to Fake a Cold
- * How to Make a Lasso
- * How to Make Bird Poop
- * How to Play the Spoons
- * Make a Juice Box Straw Rocket
- * Slappy Games
- * History of Flip-Flop Mail
- * World's Funniest Joke
- * and MUCH MUCH MUCH more!

Some of the activities don't need anything special, some come with what you need in the book and others you have to find things around your house. There are quick and easy activities and longer ones that need practice before you show others.

I'm not sure about a few of them though, ones I wouldn't want my child trying to do but they really are pretty much harmless. However each parent is different with what they are okay with so I suggest checking this book out in a store if you are unsure so you can see exactly what they'd be getting first.

Rebekah says

Actually, I have Volume 1, but that's not in the database for some reason.

If you have a young boy, buy this book. They will laugh uproariously and it will spike a streak of creativity that might surprise you. Or embarrass you. Such are boys.

Moe says

If you're considering buying this for your child, I would think twice if you don't want your kid getting into trouble. This is filled with practical jokes, jokes, and recipes for trouble such as making straw-launchers out of your lunch, kick me signs, and gluing coins to a sidewalk. If you don't approve of these fantastic stunts, don't buy it for your children.

Charlie Toller says

Too good to be true!

Faith says

BEST BOOK EVER! My third grade self spent many hours pouring over the book finding new and fantastic ideas. I love this book. It is the best book if you have sometime to kill. It is the best book for parties. Basically, if you ever want to play a prank on anyone, go to this book. I have so many memories from trying to "psycho tickling" a friend to learning how to "cure the hiccups" or "the history of flip-flop mail". Did you know the the US postal service will accept a letter mailed in a plastic bottle if the address is clearly marked. Also, you can "hack" and elevator to going to your floor first if you hit the close door and your floor button at the same time. I cannot say how much I loved and cheerished this book. It taught me how to be a magician and how to lean on things that aren't there. This book is a book that every 9 year old should read. It will change there life.

Katy says

Really funny!

Amy Holt says

Great book. Teaches all the necessary mischief skills to be able to hang out with your friends without being a dork but still be weird enough to be cool.

Rachel says

I really liked it. ????

Barry Davis says

A Christmas present from my daughter (she felt Vol. 2 was superior to Vol. 1), this enjoyable compendium of pranks, techniques and joyfully nonproductive instructions was a great read. Amongst the topics covered are making a PostIt note airplane, walking a slack line, assorted magic tricks and juggling Indian clubs (after all, these are the authors of Juggling for the Complete Klutz, another book in my library). Although some of the topics verge on the sophomoric, the title indicates that they are appropriate.

I really enjoyed spending time with this volume, and am inclined to try a number of their suggestions.

Jasmine23 says

This book is HILARIOUS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vandy says

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Jianing says

This book is great for people who loves jokes and are still immature!!! Want to find out how to insult in medieval language? How to make "pickled elf bottoms"? An "unsolvable" card trick that befuddles even the greatest of scientists? Or are you just the type that loves to mess and joke around? Well then, this is the book for you!

Joey S. says

very funny.

Jordana says

This book is hilarious. I learned so many practical jokes! I love it
