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Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets **Timmy Failure!**

Clueless McGee is just your average fifth-grader: snarky, awkward, and a magnet for trouble. The only difference: he's also an amateur detective. Determined to make his absent father proud, he uses the skills he's learned playing video games to solve mysteries. Only he's no Sherlock Holmes. Or Encyclopedia Brown. Or even Scooby-Doo. When the school bully is framed for filling the orchestra teacher's tuba with macaroni and cheese, Clueless is on the case. But can he catch the culprit before he strikes again? His only obstacle, as Jeff Mack shows us in his hilarious new illustrated series, is his own ineptitude . . . questionable talent . . . and limited intelligence. No problem!

Clueless McGee Details

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From Reader Review Clueless McGee for online ebook

Tara says

PJ is a fifth grader who aspires to be a secret agent-ninja. He chronicles the pursuit of this mission in journal entries and drawings to his father who lives far away. Ninjahood is a topic further explored when a mystery conspires at school: case of the missing, highly coveted macaroni and cheese. PJ's character is inconsistent at best, often appearing as too immature for a believable fifth grader. Simple drawings lack real humor (more like an adult trying to "get" kid humor). the book misses many opportunities for better character formation as well as an opportunity to deal with larger issues. Wimpy-kid style at its worst.

Akshat Channashetti says

Funny and humorous, McGee's naive characteristics make him a guy to laugh at.

Marcia says

A good pick for the Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid crowd, and reluctant readers. A silly story, amply illustrated with loads of kid humor (farts, puke, wet pants...) there is a mystery to solve and bullies to deal with. My biggest question was left unanswered---where is dad?

Laura says

This book is a good choice for someone looking for a book similar to Diary of a Wimpy Kid, because of the diary-like entries in the form of letters to the kid's dad. Not as much artwork in this book, though.

Sarah says

I read Clueless McGee gets famous I want to read this I bet it is good.

Alli says

PJ is a silly goofy fifth grader. He misses his father so much he starts writing to him. He writes descriptive letters explaining how he is a secret agent-ninja for his school. His school has a bandit on the loose. Someone is stealing all the Mac and Cheese and PJ is going to solve the mystery. PJ thinks he knows who is stealing the Mac and Cheese, the bully Jack, but not everything is adding up. This book is extremely funny and I believe children wouldn't be able to put down. The book would be perfect for 3rd-5th graders, boys more so

than girls. The drawings inside kept me laughing! I really enjoyed the description and humor in this book. I truly would have loved this book as a child! It is simply magnificent. Just a little insider, the second Clueless McGee will be coming out this winter! I cannot wait, I will be purchasing it the first day it is out!

Erik This Kid Reviews Books says

J McGee thinks he's a detective, ninja and a spy just like his dad...only he's not. In fact, PJ is kind of a disaster, but that doesn't stop him from trying to solve the mystery of the stolen Mac'n'Cheese! The school's most favorite lunch is missing and PJ decides he (along with his friend Dante) is the guy to find out who did it! After searching for clues, and making a few mistakes... OK, not a few, he pretty much messed everything up. PJ is sure he knows who stole the Mac'n'Cheese, but then that person hired him to clear his name. Is PJ wrong? Probably. After annoying the entire school and getting into all sorts of trouble, PJ is still clueless!

This was a VERY funny book. It was a quick read but it was enjoyable. There wasn't any message or lesson to the story, it was just fun. The illustrations that Mr. Mack created really made the story. PJ was a very funny character I liked how he was so...clueless. I thought that how the story was told was very unique. PJ tells the story through letters he writes to his dad. PJ thinks his dad is on some super secret spy mission only the reader doesn't know where he really is. I wonder if we will find out in the next book. Fans of Big Nate and the Wimpy Kid series will really like this book. I also think kids 8+ would like this book!

**NOTE I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Tamara the Librarian says

I think this book is similar enough to Wimpy Kid yet totally content appropriate that it might be good enough to interest many of the 3rd and 4th graders at my school. I do not let them check out Wimpy Kid books since the content is meant for middle schoolers and the lead character is an anti-role model. I am fine with 5th and up reading those books but cannot justify them getting them from the school library. Just ordered a copy of this book and the second one from Amazon.

Brenda says

I've got a couple "I only read Diary of a Wimpy Kid" readers this year. I'm not a fan of the behavior in those and think they are more fitting for intermediate readers - not 3rd graders so I don't have them in my classroom library. But what's a teacher to do? Find options! I think this is a great one. I've got two more to read this weekend. I am looking forward to having them on the shelf on Tuesday. I wonder who will find them first.

Mary says

P.J. McGee is a 5th grader who wants to be a private investigator just like his dad (although the reader will catch on before P.J. that his dad isn't a P.I.). This story is told through letters he writes to his absent father. In this first in the series, P.J. tries to solve the mystery of who stole the cafeteria's macaroni and cheese. While

not as good as the Big Nate or Wimpy Kid books, this will be a good one to recommend to kids who have exhausted those series and are looking for something similar. P.J. can be kind of annoying, but I had to sympathize with him because a lot of his behavioral issues seem to stem from his dad's absence. While I have a pretty good idea as to what his dad actually does for a living, I'm interested to see how this storyline plays out in later books.

Jude Lipscomb says

This was a funny book about a kid who is always dreaming about karate and is getting into trouble. He likes to hang out with his friend and is figuring out all these secrets about all this stuff that is going on around him.

Allison says

So funny! I laughed out loud. So excited for Jeff Mack to visit our school this spring!

Dani says

A double dose of funny combined with a sprinkle of mystery sums up this book at its best.

Samantha says

Great readlike for Wimpy Kid fans. PJ is a 5th grader who wants to be a secret agent/ninja. He lives with his mom and sister and the entire book is written as letters to his dad. When the famous macaroni and cheese from the cafeteria goes missing PJ takes on the case. All clues seem to point to Jack, the meanest bully in school, but not everything adds up. Funny, but with some bigger issues surrounding the characters (PJ's dad is not in the picture; PJ has a nervous habit of chewing his pajamas). Recommended for boys grades 3-5, though I think girls will like it too.

Chloe says

I really liked this book! It was funny reading about this elementary kid who still believed his father to be a super-secret spy (who knows--he might actually be one!), loved running around, displaying his "awesome" and "authentic" karate moves, breaking some delicate and non-delicate [items] along the way. He wants to be like his dad, so he "becomes" a detective and hires a sidekick, who basically does all the work for him. Long story short, his 6-year old sister is named Chloe!!
