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Sally Linford says

I didn't think it would be possible, but Jane and Robin turned family history into a thriller (for 2nd graders). I actually teared up at one point--I'm such a sap!

Nancy has to write a biography of a grandparent and spices it up a bit until she finds out her grandfather is coming to school to watch her present her paper. So delightful!

This is a paperback "I Can Read" book, but Amazon has a hardcover library edition that was totally worth the money.

Dolly says

This is another great story in the Fancy Nancy series - a little lesson wrapped up in a fancy package. This tale is not so focused on fashion, flair and being fancy, but on being true to yourself and your family and the importance of being honest. We've really enjoyed these books and will look forward to more!

Laura says

cool

Christine Turner says

When Nancy has to write a report on her ancestors for school, she can't help exaggerating a little--at first. After all, what's wrong with making her family history sound fancier? But Nancy goes too far and has to deal with truth and consequences! Readers will sympathize with Nancy's quandary in this engaging Fancy Nancy story.

Subject: Genealogy -- Juvenile fiction.

Grandfathers -- Juvenile fiction

Honesty -- Juvenile fiction

Schools -- Juvenile fiction

Vocabulary -- Juvenile fiction.

Liz Todd says

Could be interesting for older readers.. Not a typical Nancy book, but I always love that Jane O'Connor weaves in themes of honesty and doing the right thing. Jane O'Connor is my hero because of this.

Theresa Bartholomew says

Fancy Nancy is an adorable book for young girls who enjoy princesses and glitter. (Adorable is a fancy word for cute.)

Fancy Nancy is a girl who doesn't want to be plain like her parents, but instead strives to be fancy. She uses advanced vocabulary in her stories, then describes them in simpler terms. At the end of the story, there is a glossary of fancy terms used in each book.

Each page is dominated by an illustration, with a paragraph of accompanying narration or dialogue. The text is spaced far apart so that it is easier for children to practice reading. It is a great confidence and vocabulary booster disguised as fun.

Jasmine from How Useful It Is says

Read for my son. We both liked it because we learned about telling the truth and new vocabularies. We borrowed this book from the library.

Kimberly says

A nice first look at learning about your family.

Satin says

I loved the way this story gave definitions, in a child friendly way, to help new readers understand the text better. I would use this book when having students complete assignments about their families and/or ancestors.

Teresa says

Nancy learns the importance of being truthful. Thinking her family tree is boring Nancy embellishes the details of her great grand father's life. Before it's to late she realizes that the simple truth is better than an exaggerated story.

Nancy Jo Lambert says

So recently, my daughter has become extremely interested in Fancy Nancy. So, we have been reading some of the Fancy Nancy series. This series is lots of fun and all the heart warming moments are a nice touch to the rather flouncy, fancy moments.

Taneka says

Nancy has to write a book report about her ancestors, but she wants to write about something exciting that they did, or didn't, do. She exaggerates a little in the beginning, but realizes that her grandfather will be there to hear her report, so she changes it to the truth. With her fancy words, she tells the reader her tale of her ancestors.

There is a explanation of words in the rear of the book, making it convenient for the reader to briefly review new words that were in the text. Actions of Nancy are believable. Everyone has an ancestor and school projects sometimes consist of family history projects. There are illustrations on each page. They are in full color and depict characters in a believable setting, such as at the kitchen table or the computer.

Nicole says

Starting off with the fancy words "ancestors" and "deceased," Nancy teaches kids about family history. At school Nancy's class are writing ancestor reports. Nancy is worried that her family stories are not as exciting Bree's great-grandfather the war hero and Robert's great-grandmother who came to America on a ship that almost sank. Nancy asks her grandpa if his parents were famous or had adventures. He says they were nice, ordinary people - and Nancy is disappointed. She wants fancy ancestors. She learns a story about her ancestor's honesty from her family and uses that to make a better choice later in the story, when she turns her ancestor report into something more like historical fiction. She learns about the difference between exaggeration and lying and then says, "my ancestor would be very upset with me too. My grandpa will be too."

Nancy's grandpa shows her a real top hat that belonged to his dad. HE liked to get dressed up and Nancy realized that she gets "being fancy" from him!

Caroline Siewert says

This book is an "I Can Read!" book for early readers who are just starting to read by themselves. The best thing about this book is that students can read it by themselves and learn new vocabulary at the same time. This is a part of the Fancy Nancy series and follows Nancy as she explores the historical roots of her family. Nancy writes a story about her grandfather because she thinks he is an interesting person. At first Nancy wants to over exaggerate the life of her grandfather to make him seem more interesting, but then she realizes this isn't a good choice. She then writes a true paper about her grandfather as she finds is actually a great and interesting man. This might be good to give to students before they do a biography on their life or on someone in their family. This could be a good lead into a writing lesson because Nancy wrote a paper in this and she had a good time doing that showing that writing can be fun.

Shelby Rollenhagen says

I am so glad to have such adorable stories to share with my child.

She loves Fancy Nancy.
