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Hubie has heard there's a new kid in school. His name is Butch Pounder, and he's rumored to be a mean bully! Did Butch really beat up the football team, and eat the teacher's pet at his last school? But of course, Hubie's imagination has run away from him again! All Butch wants is a new friend to show him around school, and Hubie is just who he needs!

## **The Bully from the Black Lagoon Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Bully from the Black Lagoon for online ebook**

### **Melissa says**

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: Could not find an editorial review

Recommendation: I would recommend this book for any age of students who are struggling with judging. It is important to introduce to younger students and a good book to go back on and elaborate with older students.

Notes: Don't judge a book by its cover lesson

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### **Ashley Wampler says**

There is a new kid in school, and rumor has it that he is a mean and scary bully. However, when the main character runs into him (literally), he learns that rumors aren't always true and finds out that he has met a new friend!

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### **Cassie says**

Never believe everything you hear, friends. This is another fun book in the Black Lagoon series.

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### **Kaethe says**

The books in this series follow a very simple pattern: the hero lists all the incredible, overwhelming, rumors about someone at his school, and then meets the person who isn't anything like that at all.

Well, they suit the seven-year-old.

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### **T Crockett says**

This would be better titled Another New Student from the Black Lagoon. It would be a good book to use to talk about rumors. Overall the tone feels wrong, the message seems off for a book with "bully" in the title.

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**Melissa Namba says**

Very cute. I like how the gravity and size of the bully grow in the narrators voice. It makes sense the way he sensationalized the bully as he waited anxiously. I'm glad the teachers weren't in on it.

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**Jennifer says**

This book has that scratching illustration that I hate. The story teaches a great lesson that rumors can fly, especially when the story get messed up. That you shouldn't judge or be afraid until you come face to face with facts.

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**Brittany says**

This is one book from a big series of "Black Lagoon" books that would be good to read when teaching a lesson about how we shouldn't judge people from what we hear about them and how we should form our own opinions of people.

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**Anthony says**

Hubie's anxiety is on full throttle, as he hears of the new kid in school, whose name is Butch Pounder, and he's labeled as a terrible bully. Rumor has it, he is as big as Coach Kong, and has his own desk in the principal's office. Hubie decides to practice running, so he'll become so fast that Butch won't be able to catch him. In his haste, he runs around the corner, and bumps right into and right off of Butch, who in turn picks him up with one hand. Butch introduces himself, and tells Hubie, that he's new to the school, and can't find Mrs. Green's class. Hubie shows him the way, and a friendship is started.

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**Pema Jampa says**

Very original and fresh!

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**Shiloah says**

Read with my Lamby. This was her library choice from school today.

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### **Jamie Steckler says**

There is a new kid coming to school from the Black Lagoon named Butch Pounder and he is known to be a bug bully! Hubie is nervous for him to come beat him up, steal his lunch money, and rule them at recess but what if Butch is not as bad as everyone thought him up to be. Hubie's imagination soon gets the best of him as he comes to fear Butch's first day. However, as he soon learns, Butch isn't so bad and will perhaps become Hubie's good friend.

This book presented a good lesson that you should not judge someone before you get to know them. All the rumors that stirred up within this book were out of hand and turned out not to be true at all! Bullying always seems to be an issue throughout schooling so it is best to open kids up to it early on. One flaw that I noticed is that the title of the book implies that Butch is a bully so it kind of throws off the reader in a way. Within the book, I liked how the author used figurative language to really demonstrate that Hubie was using his imagination when thinking about the bully. This shows the reader which sort of context figurative language is used in, and how it is often exaggerated. The illustrations in the book are lively and full of detail so the reader has to take a moment to examine it and notice the fine details. The artist used a softer color pallet and rendered a sketchy looking black outline to create depth and contrast.

Overall, I enjoyed this book and value the lesson it teaches. I would definitely use this book in the classroom in order to promote a positive environment where everyone is kind toward one another. Cute read!

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### **Priscilla Schelling says**

This is a great book for my third grade class. Students tend to stereotype larger classmates as bullies because they automatically assume they will use their size as an advantage. This is not always the case. The main character learns a valuable lesson on judging another person before he meets him. Great story!

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### **Deborah Harris says**

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Accelerated Reader Quiz Type Information AR Quiz Types: RP, RV

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### **Dolly says**

Another fun book in the Black Lagoon series. This story concerns bullies and the awful situations children can imagine when confronting one. It's a humorous tale and as always, there's a bit of a surprise ending. We enjoyed reading it together.

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