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The lovable tyrant from *Sleep Tight, Anna Banana!* is up to no good, and so are all of her beloved stuffed animals. In this adorable sequel to the 2014 picture book, Anna Banana and her stuffed pals set out to make a chocolate cake...and end up making a big, big, big mess.

With all the charm and whimsy that won reader's hearts in the first book of the series, *Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion* will give Anna Banana's fans more of what they love...and win over new readers.

Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion Details

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From Reader Review Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion for online ebook

Carrie says

Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion is a visual delight. With solid black outlines and bold colors, the illustrations have the look of a comic book, but the storyline and overall layout is a picture book. This would be a great read-aloud. Many children love their stuffed animals and anthropomorphize them, so this story is also quite relatable to younger children. I'd recommend this for preschool age to early elementary. There's also a lesson about honesty in the story, so parents and teachers do have a talking point as well. Great book!

Mohammad says

My son found the stuff animals behavior funny and the Anna Banana's reaction to it. It was wonderful just hearing the laughter of kids when reading this book to them while looking at the pictures.

OpenBookSociety.com says

<http://openbooksociety.com/article/an...>

Brought to you by OBS reviewer Jerjen

Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion is an adorable children's book about Anna Banana and her five stuffed animal friends attempting to bake a cake. They all decide to work together, except for Bear, who decides to make his cake by himself. Anna and her friends make a huge mess with chocolate batter flying everywhere, flour being dumped all over and everyone being covered in the mess. When Bear reappears with a nice looking cake, everyone is amazed that he was able to make it so quickly and nicely. When he decides to make another, Anna and the rest of the gang decide to spy on him to see how he did it. What they discover surprises them.

This book is written to entertain young children and it sure hit the mark with my granddaughter. The words used are age-appropriate and will be easily understood and the sentences are short enough to hold a child's attention. Children will think that the mess that is made is funny and they can relate to it. What child does not want to bake something and not worry about how messy things get. Even some adults may like the idea of that. The illustrations are colorful and vivid and add a lot to the story, showing the disaster that happens when the gang tries baking and the fun that Anna and her friends are having. The cover of the book is a glimpse into the funny disaster. The writing style and illustrations are a perfect blend for a younger reader. There is even a little life lesson to be learned about telling the truth and not being deceitful.

I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a fun book to read to the children in their life. This book would make a good addition to a family library or at schools and preschools. Treat the young child in your life to this great funny book, they will not be disappointed.

Another Review Brought to you by OBS reviewer Una

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This is a delightful and well written children's book, done in a comic format that should appeal to young readers and older readers alike. It would be great for story time, with the teacher telling the story. The story is simple to read and the use of one word actions adds creativity to the story. Most children love to see messes, especially if they haven't created them, and the mess created in the story will bring smiles galore.

The authors have done a great job giving the story a learning experience for the young reader. I loved the way Anna gets everyone into action to bake however finds out the hard way that some members either don't want to participate in the group or don't follow instructions well. Yelling at the members Anna finds out, without explaining fully what she really wants done, brings disastrous results. Cheating is also explored and the "cheater" learns that when you are caught you have to get forgiveness to get back into the action. All turns out well in the end and the story uses language that children will understand and want to read. The characters are depicted wonderfully and should delight both sexes. For the reluctant reader this format, I think, would encourage reading, as it doesn't have a lot of words on each page and the comic isn't overly long.

The comic is easy to read and should catch the imagination of any 3-7 year old reader. I hope there are many more books in this series.

Sara Grochowski says

When Anna Banana and her stuffed animals decide to work together and bake a cake, things get a little bit out of hand! Chocolate splatters, flour is dumped, and one stuffed animal feels pressured into telling a lie. Can Anna and her stuffed animals find a way to clean up a messy situation and fill their empty stomachs? Find out in *Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion!*

Barbara says

When one of her stuffed animal buddies is hungry, Anna Banana decides to enlist all of them in making a cake. After gathering the ingredients and utensils, they settle down to the task. Not surprisingly, quite a mess is created despite Anna's admonitions and directions. Only Grizzler manages to pull things off correctly with a lovely cake. But how did he do it? The entire gang follows him to a bakery and learns his secret before returning home to try to bake a cake once more. Originally published in French, the book accurately depicts in hilarious fashion what one bossy tyke's first baking efforts might produce. There's a reason parents try to keep certain things such as chocolate out of reach of their children.

Paula says

Anna Banana returns with her anthropomorphic stuffed animal menagerie and tackles baking in this outing. When penguin Pingpong declares that he is hungry, Anna immediately proposes that they bake a chocolate cake. Anna begins barking orders for needed ingredients. When all the ingredients are rounded up, Anna and

the gang get to work. Grizzler mysteriously excuses himself, claiming that he works better alone. Anna's crew is undaunted and Fuzzball begins stirring and whisking maniacally, resulting in the titular chocolate explosion. In the aftermath of the baking disaster, Grizzler returns with a lovely cake to share. When he brags about baking another, Anna and the animals follow him--straight to the bakery. His trick is discovered, but Anna and the others invite him to work together to finish their cake. Grizzler learns the benefits of cooperation. The colorful and imaginative mixed-media illustrations dominate the pages; non-readers could tell the story just by looking at the pictures. Very young audiences will appreciate and identify with this hilarious and entertaining scenario.

Nicola Mansfield says

This is a children's picture book presented in a graphic novel format with text inside comic bubbles. There is no narrative. I have to say that the story was incredibly cute though very short. It's also quite easy to read and would make a nice beginning reader. This is a sequel to "Sleep Tight, Anna Banana", which I haven't read, and while this book doesn't actually tell you it is pretty easy to guess that Anna's "friends" are her stuffed animals. The story is simple as they all gather together to bake a cake and one character, Fuzzball, is hilarious and will have pre-schoolers laughing. The illustration is adorable as well.

Melissa says

Anna Banana and all of her stuffed animals are back - this time attempting to bake a chocolate cake. Of course they can't work together, make a mess, and Penguin constantly complains that he's too hungry to wait! They finally get it together and all enjoy the cake in the end. I do have one complaint in that the penguin was illustrated flying around her house - won't children be confused when they learn that penguins can't fly? I understand it's a stuffed animal, and the very young Anna is using her imagination :)

Elizabeth says

1. Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards Nominee for Best Publication for Early Readers in 2016
2. Pre K - 1st Grade
3. This is a book about Anna Banana who helps all of her friends learn how to make a chocolate cake. They all work together, make a big mess, and have lots of fun making a big cake together.
4. I loved this book, it is probably now my favorite children book. It is hysterical, the characters are very cute and I love the illustrations. The book is very well written and I enjoyed every second of it.
5. I would love to use this book to do a "how to" lesson. Where students all write a "recipe" of how to do something as a project. Then at the end we could put the book together creating a recipe book.

Venus says

Review originally posted on Children's Atheneum

The story is simple. Anna Banana and her friends are going to make a cake. Grizzler the bear doesn't want to join them. They make a huge mess as children are wont to do and then in comes Grizzler with a beautiful already-baked cake. Of course, the other animals are suspicious and they follow the Bear...all the way to the bakery. Bear admits to cheating, but soon agrees to help them bake a real cake.

In this semi-graphic novel picture book, Anna Banana is at it again. What I love about these books is that they are a very early introduction into the comic book style of reading. Anna and her animal friends are lively, animated, and full of personality. I love her larger than life personality and how her imagination brings these animals to life. I am also imagining the look on her mother's face when she walks into that room and sees the chocolate explosion. Perfect for the budding cook in the family or the kid with way too many stuffed animals, Anna Banana and the Chocolate Explosion will make the little ones giggle and the grown-ups moan.

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Susan says

While the outside physical appearance of this book looks like a typical picture book the inside is set up like a graphic novel. It will introduce young readers to this style of book with its many speech bubbles above the individual characters and descriptive words in scenes for sound effects. The message of calmly and cooperatively working together on a desired activity is humorously illustrated with detailed, colorful, and descriptive illustrations. Many of the seven characters introduced in the front end pages have dynamic personalities in the story. Altogether this book contains a lot of fun elements to entertain the young reader.

A Reader's Heaven says

(I received a free copy of this book from Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.)

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Anna and her friends - and such a motley gang of friends they are - decide to bake a chocolate cake with some messy results...

This was a cute little book - easy to read text and bright, cheery illustrations that would appeal to young and old alike.

A message is included in the story that would make for a great talking point for children and their parents/teachers.

Overall, a fun read for all ages.

Paul
ARH

Calista says

It's a children's book in a graphic novel format with 4 panes per page telling the story and the words are all in bubbles. A gang of wiley animals plus Anna Banana are hungry and decide to make the messiest chocolate cake in the world. They all work together and after a few tries they finally have a cake. This was cute.

The kids thought this was hilarious. They both enjoy baking and do so without much mess, but they loved seeing the gang make a huge mess. The niece thought this worth 4 stars and the nephew thought this was a 5 star read. It starts with a penguin and he still loves penguins.

Dani Shuping says

ARC provided by NetGalley

Review not final until hardcopy reviewed

Anna Banana and her beloved stuffed animals are back again! This time Anna wants to make a chocolate cake and her friends offer to help out. But they all have different ideas of how a cake should be made! Who is right and who is wrong? Only time will tell and maybe a mess or two will be made by the end.

This is a short, but fun children's book with some good lessons in it for young readers and beautiful illustrations. The writing is superb, as Anna Banana is a vivacious, vibrant young kid that almost anyone can relate to. In this sequel Anna and her friends learn that sometimes following the directions can be a good thing. And that sometimes, just sometimes, maybe making a mess or two is ok and can be fun.

The illustrations are bright, cheerful, and will make readers young and old laugh out loud. The soft, fuzzy, watercolors are just the thing to look at before going to sleep. Or before making a cake or two. The illustrations are engaging and will be sure to capture readers attention as they follow along in this fun story.

Who among us didn't imagine that our stuffed animals could talk to us? This is the perfect book to help young readers learn about listening and following directions. And making a mess. I'd recommend this book highly to folks with kids under 5 and as a great book for storytime. I give the book 4 out of 5 stars.
