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They're baa-ack! Make way for the bestselling children's series of all time! With a fresh new look, GOOSEBUMPS is set to scare a whole new generation of kids. So reader beware--you're in for a scare!

Ginger Wald and her identical twin brothers, Nat and Pat, are lost in the woods. No problem. After all, Ginger did go to that stupid nature camp.

Still, there's something odd about this part of the woods. The grass is yellow. The bushes are purple. And the trees are like skyscrapers.

Then Ginger and her brothers meet the beasts. They're big blue furry creatures. And they want to play a game. The winners get to live. The losers get eaten. . . .

The Beast from the East Details

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David Santos says

These are one of those books that would be better as a movie but terrible as a book. If this were a movie it certainly wouldn't be a blockbuster film, but it would be for kids, if acting was done good it could be a funny film, but reading it..I have mixed feelings. Here you have three kids who walk around the woods somehow managed to reach some fantasy world with weird creatures and end up playing a deadly game of Tag (Book started going downhill from there) If you're it, you are labeled The Beast from the East. If time runs out, they eat you. I give the author credit, he made the book entertaining ...sort of, but the story itself was just..weird, no, lame is a better word. The cover fooled me. i thought it was going to be better. Speaking of the cover, notice the beasts hand? I actually know guys with fingernails that long! Creepy.

Morn says

The book was pretty fun and interesting.

Tiffany Spencer says

The Beast From The East

PLOT: Welcome to the Hunger Games, the monster edition! Ginger and her twin brother find themselves in the middle of a dangerous game when they get lost in the forest on a camping trip. The rules are simple, make it to the Gulla tree before the sun sets, don't land on the free lunch space, and don't get tagged by one of the other participants. On your mark! Get ready! Set! GO! GOOD LUCK!

MY THOUGHTS: The first thing I thought was OH HELLLLLL NOOO! This little brat spit on his sister from a tree. Unless you want a Brown-Bivins beat down you are NOT gonna spit on me! Ginger let's this slide and I just look at her incredulously. Soooo your just gonna let him do that. Moving on! I actually kind of laughed when the Beasts says "Your It!" because it's such a random thing for a beast to walk up to you and say instead of just picking you up and swallowing you whole. It literally wants to play with its food first. What it all boils down to with this story is lucky breaks. I was thinking but the Monsters have at least given them the recap. But then it hit me, oooh. They didn't tell them the rules because they didn't want them to have the advantage of knowing what they were doing. SHADY! But it balances itself out because every-time Ginger and the twins get a pass on their side, they come up against another non-sense rule or some trap. So this was amusing. It just goes to show how in life you can get out of one bad situation and find yourself face to face with a whole nother bad situation and it's like here we go!

RATING 7

Γι?τα Παπαδημακοπο?λου says

Διασκεδαστικ? και περιπετει?δες, το συγκεκριμ?νο βιβλ?ο των "Ανατριχ?λων" προσφ?ρει

αναγνωστικ? απ?λαυση που κρατ?ει το ενδιαφ?ρον ?χι μ?νο των παιδι?ν, αλλ? και αναγνωστ?ν μεγαλ?τερης ηλικιας. ?να με?γμα κωμικο? στοιχε?ου και τρ?μου, και πολ? ωρα?ες και ζωνταν?ς περιγραφ?ς εν?ς παρ?ξενου δ?σους που αν και δεν ε?ναι πραγματικ?, θα ε?χε μεγ?λο ενδιαφ?ρον να βρεθο?με σε αυτ?.

Angel R. says

It was a really cool book and it made me get scared of koala bears at 12.

B?gernes herre says

Jeg er næsten ved at være i mål med min challenge om, at læse mig igennem alle af de danske gåsehuds oversættelser. Op til nu har der været rigtig stor forskel på niveauerne for de forskellige bøger. Der har været nogle som var rigtige gode, men der har i den grad også været nogle som har været helt og adales elendige. Ved nr. 43 formår R.L. Stine at nå et helt nyt niveau for elendighed. Faktisk er jeg sikker på, at han formår, at helt slå bunden ud på min rangliste af alle bøgerne. Bogen starter sådan set rigtig fint ud, vi får en ganske kort introduktion og så vælger bogen at gå lige i kødet på historien. Dette er i den grad forfriskende, da mange af bøgerne har haft den uheldige tendens at have en rigtig lang og omfattende buildup, hvor at historierne som regel først rigtige begynder 70-80 sider inde, nogle endda i de to sidste sider! Så det er rigtig rart, at den går i gang med historien med det samme. Men det er så også det eneste, som at bogen ellers har kørerende. Det er et miskmask af en fantasy historie, vi har nogle blå bæster som gerne vil lege tagfat med de tre søskende. Reglerne er simple (not), de skal overleve til solnedgang, og først her vil de kunne gå. Selve rammen for historien er elendig, hvor at principperne om det, at man skal forsøge at overleve i en skov mens, at man selv er jagtet, egentlig er meget interessant. Ikke særlig opfindsom, men alligevel interessant. Jeg synes bare ikke, at det spiller særlig godt sammen med nogle blå bæster. Nogle andre skurkeskikkelser ville være langt bedre, og hvad sker der for, at de åbenbart kan snakke samme sprog som de tre søskende. Nå men, vi har den her tagfat leg, som foregår midt inden i denne her mærkelige skov. De blå bæster bliver løbende ved med, at trække den ene regel efter den anden ud af r*ven, imens at R.L. Stine følger dem trop og maler lort ud over alle af de 121 sider.. Lad os få et levende træ med arme... ja hvorfor ikke.. en hund med et egern hoved.. ja da... en sort klippe med røg, lad mig kalde det for en straffeklippe... yes sir... osv. osv. osv... Hele bogen kan opsummeres sådan her:

Youtube Link

Jeg forsøger ikke at overdrive, men bogen er virkelig elendig, nok den hidtil elendigste af de 43 bøger. Bogen var hverken uhyggelig, sjov eller på anden vis interessant. Jeg var faktisk gentagende gange ved at give op, og kaste håndklædet i ringen. Det var ikke det mindste interessant. 20 sider inde i bogen var jeg ved at falde i søvn, og overvejede om hvorvidt, at jeg skulle klippe negle eller andet der var mere indholdsrigt. Det er virkelig ikke en god bog. Og jeg håber virkelig, at 44'eren, Smil, du er død, vil kunne løfte niveauet så jeg ikke slutter denne udfordring med en elendig bog. Lad det nu for guds skyld være en god opfølger til bog nr. 4, please!

Michelle Elizabeth says

I just couldn't make it through this one, despite being less than 120 pages. Goosebumps series is a far cry from a literary masterpiece now that I'm in my 20s, but I had read some of the books as a kid & liked them then, and they still provide a brief break from reality for adults...uh, in most cases anyway. This one just **bored** me though. I can't say much more than that, except I was annoyed that the younger siblings were obnoxious twin boys; is it just me, or are the annoying younger siblings **always** twins? It's been used in the Spiderwick Chronicles and I can't say how many more such books I've encountered over the years.

ZZZZZZzzzzzzzz

Gavin says

A girl and her two twin brothers go on a camping trip. Inevitably they get lost in the woods and begin a game of tag with its bizarre inhabitants. Of the four Goosebumps books Sean and I have read together so far, this would be the best. There are, apparently, several more in his school's library - these will be read once the third term begins in three weeks time.

Even though the Goosebumps series is designed for older kids than Sean it is exciting for the youngsters and each chapter has a cliffhanger at its end. This was a three sitting read, which is quite impressive for a 118 page book being read to a 6 year old with the usual attention span of a gnat.

Matt Adams says

Who- Ginger and her two twin brothers Nat and Pat

What- Three children have to play a game of tag- with big blue hairy beasts, and if they loose, the get eaten.

Where- In the woods.

When- Doesn't say

Why- Dont know

Auther- R.L Stine

Likes- I liked how all the beasts had a name

Dislikes- Lost trak off all the names

Reccomendations- I would reccomend this book to people who like horror thriller and fiction books.

Isabel Orama says

The book that I read today was about a girl named ginger and her two identical twin brothers named pat and nat. One day, their father and mother took them on a camping trip. It was a long walk in the woods and plus, it was hot. Pat and Nat, ginger's two brothers, were hitting each other with branches. Their mom and dad told them to stop, but they didn't. Then, their dad had no choice but to yell at them. They listened this time, but they split up. Nat is a tree climber, which means he loves to climb trees. Pat isn't a out door type of person. He just likes to sit in his room playing his game boy or watching tv. So, ginger was sent to find them. She found them easily and caught up with their parents. They all finished setting up their camping supplies near a stream made the camp fire. Their parents said that they can go play hide and seek which they did. They ran off into the woods and started to play. Gingers brothers were fighting over who was going to be it, so to make them stop fighting, ginger proclaimed to be it. She found pat easily, but since nat likes to climb trees it was hard to find him. When ginger and pat found nat, they headed back to their parents, until they found out that they were lost. They all spent the whole day looking for their parents, but instead, they found a bunch of 10 foot monsters with large hungry faces and blue fur. Of course they were frightened, so pat, ginger, and nat chose to hide which was really hard since they were large monsters. Minutes passed, and they all found out that the monsters can talk and they wanted to play a game of tag. But this tag was different from the kind of game they play at home. It's a kind of survival tag that ends at sunset. And if your it at sunset, you get eaten no matter what. So, they all played until, sunset. The survival game was really hard because the monsters kept on tagging the siblings. So, they all won. Ginger and her brothers chose to look for their parents, but they could never find them. THE END

Connie says

Source: I own this book.

Cost: Unknown

Title: The Beast from the East

Series: Goosebumps #43

Author: R.L. Stine

Overall Rating: 4 stars

THIS MADE ME LAUGH.

It was so clever and quick witted and I loved the little beasts, especially Spork! It was such a funny story about Ginger and her two brothers getting caught in the woods and being forced to play a game of Hide and Seek that would basically determine whether they live or die.

It was just such a funny ending as well! The poor kids in these books never win to be honest...And they're never older than 12...

Glenn Smith says

Currently rereading my original Goosebumps collection

The Most Dangerous Game meets Goosebumps in one of the weirdest entries yet. Once the creatures started speaking I was thinking "This is going to be stupid", but the story becomes really funny and interesting when the game begins. I also loved the descriptions of the forest and the creatures. Kids will love this one.

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AshleyiSee says

I think this is a great example of using cliffhangers to entice younger readers to keep turning those pages!

Whereas otherwise I am not a fan of this book now as an adult, I recognise what an important example of learning to love reading this books stands for.

It's very Alice in Wonderland and I'm so jealous Stine get's away with writing something so ridiculous and it totally works. There are gross out moments (hello cave of bugs??) and the ending is a great one. I love how Stine doesn't always give happy endings, why does no one acknowledge the importance that something things don't work out?

Goosebumps are juvenile works for kids, but the books are now so much more. They're easy, they're silly, they're scary and even to this day some of them still give me Goosebumps! This one isn't a fav of mine but I'm happy this story is around because it invokes a never giving up attitude!

Kirsti says

This was one of my favorite books as a child. My copy is ripped, dog eared, and full of Goosebumps stickers I received for subscribing to the scholastic book program at school. I loved Goosebumps, because they were scary but not over the top. We never find out if Ginger, Pat and Nat survive level three of Beast from the East. We don't know how they stumbled into Beast territory even. Still, with the scary blue beast on the front, this or any other Goosebumps books should be a winner.

I bought Goosebumps on dvd too, my sister and I used to own and watch around 80 different videos every school holidays and after school. The same movies, over and over, became favorites. My dad worked at Coles and brought them home if they had damaged cases or sat around too long. Those videos are long gone, but they were a salvation back when money was too tight for frivolous entertainment. Some of the Goosebumps videos inevitably became favorites, so it's been fun seeing them again.

Recommended for young readers who struggle to connect with books. Even though they're set in the 90s, kids could still relate today because the characters are always generic. I know I loved them back then!

Rebecca McNutt says

There are so many flaws that could be pointed out about this book that it's not even funny. *The Beast From the East* was an incredibly lame and hokey book, kind of funny at times but not really having any redeeming qualities about itself. Every book series has its ups and downs and this book is a perfect example of series

filler. I'm sure younger readers will still enjoy it, though.

Jennette says

this is one of my favorite goosebump books!!!! its about these kids tht go camping with their family they go exploreing and end up haveing to play a game for their lives with the beast of the east!!!its a lil scary but i still loved it!!!!!!

Trevor Wells says

I can tell that R.L. Stine really enjoyed writing *The Beast From The East*. When it comes to writing, he puts a lot of detail into the world that he creates and it makes for a very intriguing reading experience. Plus, all the characters are likable, action and tension are both present, and the ending is appropriate and weirdly satisfying. This can proudly join the ranks with other great Goosebumps installments.

Plot Synopsis: Ginger and her brothers, Nat and Pat, are out camping with their parents when they get lost in the forest. At first, Ginger doesn't think she'll have any problem finding their way back-until she winds up getting them even more lost. Soon, she and her brothers find themselves in a strange, unfamiliar part of the woods-one with bizarre plants and trees that tower over them like skyscrapers. And it's there that they met them-the Beasts. Large, blue beasts that want to play a game with them...a game where the loser gets eaten. Can Ginger escape the beasts before she and her brothers become their dinner?

The strange region of the forest where Ginger and her brothers get lost is very weird and vividly described. For me, a healthy amount of details makes a book even better and *The Beast From The East* does that perfectly. As for the plot, it's a very unique spin of the old "people get lost in the woods, terror ensues" plotline and adds creative elements to it. As the story progresses, there's a real sense of urgency and tension that puts you on the edge and makes you want to see the characters survive the Beasts' game. The game that the Beasts have the kids play is basically an all-in version of Tag and has many complex rules. While some rules come off as R.L. Stine just throwing in random stuff to keep the characters from dying, they all make sense and doesn't detract from the story. (view spoiler)

The characters are all likable, especially Ginger. Once things starts getting tough, she manages to stay brave and alert and look out for her younger brothers while still having an appropriate amount of adolescent fear of the creatures they are being hunted by. Her brothers, Nat and Pat, while they at first come off as typical annoying little brothers, drop their annoying antics when things get serious for them. They don't really do much to help Ginger, but at least they don't get in her way or cause more trouble with their stupidity.

Overall, *The Beast From The East* was a very well written installment in the Goosebumps series. The writing is great, the characters are likable and very easy to root for, there's a feeling of suspense throughout the whole story, and the ending (which I won't spoil) felt right for the type of story that preceded it. Any Goosebumps or horror fan MUST read this book.

Pros: The detailed writing, the likable characters, the overlying feeling of suspense, and the appropriate ending.

Cons: None here.

(And thus, I have read all the Goosebumps books my grandmother has given me. It was a nice nostalgia trip and it has made me see why the Goosebumps series was so popular back in its' hayday. I might just check some out of the library sometime!)

Ursula says

LOVED IT!!! I love how the book was nothing like what I was expecting. It was like walking around in a board game where trees attack and certain squares are instant death. The sarcasm of the monsters was perfect! Good job, R.L. Stine! I love the monsters. They're great.

Carlos Tineo says

This one is really good, kinda reminded me of The Maze Runner. The only thing I had trouble with was the fact that neither of the kids ate or drank at any moment, they just ran from one place to another and never got thirsty, hungry or even tired, what are they, robots?

But you know it's R.L Stine you can't ask for much details, still it was a fun read as always.

Carmen says

"Quiet! Here comes the Beast from the East. Don't make a sound or he'll find you!"

...

This book is SO weird but very enjoyable. It starts out with one of the most amazing openings:

When I was a really little girl, my mom would tuck me into bed at night. She would whisper, "Good night, Ginger. Good night. Don't let the bed bugs bite."

I didn't know what bedbugs were. I pictured fat red bugs with big eyes and spidery legs, crawling under the sheet. Just thinking about them made me itchy all over.

After Mom kissed me on the forehead and left, Dad would step into my room and sing to me. Very softly. The same song every night. "The Teddy Bears' Picnic."

I don't know hwy he thought that song made a good lullaby. It was about going into the woods and finding hundreds and hundreds of bears.

The song gave me the shivers. What were the bears eating at their picnic? Children?

After Dad kissed me on the forehead and left the room, I'd be itching and shaking for hours.

GREAT OPENING. Ginger, her parents, and her twin 10-year-old brothers Pat and Nat, go on a camping

trip. But the kids get lost in the woods. Woods that don't really look familiar. Woods with strange creatures and sentient trees.

The children meet some huge, 8-foot, blue-furred creatures. To the kids' shock, the creatures speak English. One, named Fleg, slaps Ginger on the shoulder. She's now The Beast From the East.

The creatures have now tagged her. If she can't remain hidden and uncaptured by sunset - they will eat her. She is told that she and her brothers better get running!

Caught in an alien, deadly game of Tag with rules Ginger can't understand, trapped in an exotic jungle - Ginger is fighting in a game of survival. Can she and her brothers win the game and save their lives?

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Tl;dr - This is one of the more bizarre Stine books. But it is fun, weird, cool, and engaging. There are few things children like more than imagining crazy, weird-looking beasts and Stine even flirts with creating a strange language in this book - let's just say that by the end, your children will be able to count to five in ... whatever alien language the beasts speak! LOL So cool.
