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School's out! That means no more teachers, no more books, and lots of time to compliment Marigold Heavenly Nostrils on her good looks. In this third volume, Phoebe and her obligational best friend, Marigold, learn that summer still has plenty of surprises. Have fun with Phoebe and Marigold as they continue the "Pheobegold Detective Agency", spend a week at Wolfgang Music Camp, and find themselves in ode misadventures, thanks to Marigold's enchanted sparkles. When school resumes, read along as Phoebe enjoys (or suffers from) a brief case of popularity, mentally catalogs her grievances against dodge ball, and, with Marigold's help, rescues Dakota and her hair from the queen of the goblins. Through these wacky adventures, Phoebe and Marigold learn that their friendship is the second most magical thing of all, after Marigold's beauty, of course.

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Rachel's Book Reviews says

Still a huge fan of this duo! (and also, Dana)

This one is definitely consistent with the others in the series. Full review soon. Yay unicorns!!

Tiffany_Reads says

Love this graphic novel series. Can't wait to dig into the next one.

Melanie (TBR and Beyond) says

This one wasn't my favorite of the series so far but I still had a great time. I can't wait to read this whole series. It's just freaking adorable.

Jim says

A cute book. Cory Doctorow (in his intro) is right - this has an appeal to kids and adults.

But I may not have loved it as much as he did. Don't get me wrong, it's a fun book, and full of laughs. But I guess I didn't think the laughs and insights were consistent. Is it bad that I measure a book of humor by how much I laugh out loud? There are some pretty funny cartoons that are interspersed with some that aren't so inspired. This might be more suited for spreading out and reading cartoon by cartoon, rather than as a single read, since some of what make this collection less interesting is the tediousness of some of the themes throughout the book in how Phoebe and the Unicorn relate to each other.

Even so, it's a good read - and I'd recommend it to someone who wants a fun read with a *Calvin and Hobbes* flavor.

Thanks to NetGalley and Andrews McMeel Publishing for a copy in return for an honest review.

MC Bonet says

This is the first Phoebe and Marigold book I have read. There's something about it that doesn't allow me to fully like it. Marigold is so vain that it annoys me. However, this is a kids series, and I can see how some children would find Marigold charming. I like the use of vocabulary in this book. The author didn't dumb it down for the intended audience, though some scenarios I think are above some children.

Read it with your children. Talk to them about some of the scenes and encourage the use of the dictionary (even the one embedded in the e-reader).

Mitticus says

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(hide spoiler)]

Prince William Public Library System says

In this third volume, it's summer break for Phoebe and her best friend, a unicorn named Marigold Heavenly Nostrils. Join them for summer adventures including a staring contest with goblins, music summer camp (and rooming with a girl who is pretty sure she has never killed anyone), trying coffee for the first time and so much more!

This book is filled with hilarity for kids and adults alike. It reads more like a continuous comic strip than a graphic novel and it's not necessary to read the other volumes first before enjoying this one!

-Kati B.

[Click here to find the book at the Prince William County Public Library System.](#)

Hannah Greendale says

*"It's easy to compare Phoebe to Calvin and Marigold to Hobbes," says Cory Doctorow in the introduction to the third installment of *Phoebe and Her Unicorn*, "but Calvin was kind of a creep, especially to little girls. By contrast, Phoebe has a very well-adjusted relationship with the young dudes in her life - and still manages to be funny as heck when they come around."*

On the contrary, Phoebe is nice to one boy because she has a crush on him. She's also rude as heck to a beautiful, popular girl in her class named Dakota whom she refers to as her "arch enemy" and, later, her "frenemy." This is about as generic a story line for little girls as can be, and Phoebe's attitude toward Dakota is no better than Calvin's toward Susie.

Lola says

I believe I've said this recently, but I think every kid should read this series. Although it looks "girly," what I like about it most is its witty dialog and endearing characters.

The beautiful colours and adorable images sure don't cause any problem either, but I certainly wouldn't be reading this series for its graphics alone. It would be like reading a novel for the writing and not for anything

else. There should be harmony between all the elements... and that's what we have here!

This is the third book of the Heavenly Nostrils series. It's summer time and Phoebe and Marigold are both going to camp together. When they get there, they quickly make new friends and start having fun playing music (Phoebe) and spending time with the lake monster (Marigold).

Sadly, camp does not last long. I would say that this volume is a collection of short stories in the life of these two lovely ladies that are in chronological order but do not follow one another necessarily. So although I speak of summer camping, there is more happening that involves Dakota, goblins, Marigold's sister, ...

It's light, enchanting, surprising—just a really great addition to the Heavenly Nostrils series, which might soon become one of my top 10 graphic novel series for kids.

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Lea says

This is shorter than volume 2 but just as entertaining. Many of the frames I had to read out loud to share the joy. I enjoy Phoebe and Marigold and their adventures. Good message and fun, realistic (sans unicorn) issues people have.

amomentsilence says

3.75 Stars

I thought this was an adorable read.

like so many other reviews here, I was a bit lost at first, seeing as this was my very first Phoebe and Unicorn book. However, I quickly figured out what was going on, and found the relatable (to a kid) content matter engaging, fun, and whimsical. I would definitely recommend this middle grade book to any kid who wanted a new book to read.

Suzze Tiernan says

The cartoon about toes is hysterical. You'll have to read it.

Melissa says

Cory Doctorow said it best in the introduction: "It's easy to compare Phoebe to Calvin and Marigold to Hobbes...if Hobbes was a snarky unicorn and Calvin was an awesome little girl". And, if Hobbes could also talk to Calvin's parents and friends and teachers :-). Phoebe is an awesome, relate-able, modern 9-year-old, whose best friend happens to be a magical (and snarky!) unicorn named Marigold Heavenly Nostrils.

Hilarity ensues as they go about their days together - and in this volume, we find Phoebe attending summer camp, the duo saving frenemy Dakota from some goblins, Marigold meeting up with her sister (Florence Unfortunate Nostrils - and those are some unfortunate nostrils for sure!), and Phoebe starting back at school in the fall. I truly loved everything about this: from Marigold's constant vanity to Phoebe's down-to-earth likability to her parents (who are from my own generation - gasp! I'm getting old!) to how real it all seems (like, if I had a unicorn, I can totally see how she would help but also add to my daily struggles!) Now I definitely have to go back and read the first two volumes!

Stefanie Kellum says

Just when I thought this series couldn't possibly get any funnier, it goes and makes Trapper Keeper AND Backstreet Boys references!

Mary Catelli says

Ah, titles. The continuing adventures of Phoebe and Marigold Heavenly Nostrils, very few of which involve goblins.

Some do. Also Dakota, camp, bringing Marigold to show-and-tell and suffering the consequences, stealing coffee and its results, Marigold's sister Florence (when asked how she can have a sister when she has no parent, Marigold points out that Phoebe has no sister but still has parents), being accused of stealing a ball, and more, including a number of gag-a-day ones.
