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Nominated for twenty-four state lists and the winner of seven, Humphrey really is everyone's favorite classroom pet!

So many secrets are flying around Room 26 that Humphrey can barely keep track. Mrs. Brisbane knows a student is leaving, but Humphrey can't figure out which one. (Even more confusing, Mrs. Brisbane seems unsqueakably *happy* about it.) The class is studying the Ancient Egyptians, and some of the kids have made up secret clubs and secret codes. Even Aldo is holding back news from Humphrey.

Humphrey's job as classroom pet is to help his humans solve their problems, but all these secrets are making it HARD-HARD!

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Maximilian Lee says

I liked this book because I think it was very funny how Humphrey talked by repeating stuff like "squeak, squeak". I didn't like this book because it was very annoying how Humphrey didn't know anything.

M. says

My favorite of recently read books. Humphrey is a classroom hamster and he takes his responsibilities seriously. He sees his job is as helping his humans solve their problems and keep the classroom running smoothly. Unfortunately the kids, the teacher, and even the custodian have secrets and Humphrey has to figure out which are turning the class into an unhappy group of kids.

The kids are studying ancient Egypt and I like the way this is presented. I could feel the excitement of the kids as they learn about a whole new (ancient) world and its ways of doing things. Humphrey is delightful, honest, and fun.

3rd grade and up, boys and girls.

Mehsi says

I am still trying to read all the Humphrey books. This one was next on my list!

This book is all about secrets, and about Ancient Egypt. I loved how well it all connected together, and how everything came together in the end.

However, I do think this one was one of the lesser books in this series. Humphrey already has quite a big ego, but it is getting bigger in this one. Come on, you are already a magical hamster (I would call Humphrey magical for being able to do all the things normal hamsters can't do), no need to get any more special. I also didn't quite like how he didn't like people not telling him everything. That is how secrets work. I also couldn't get why he, in all his wisdom, didn't get that the teacher would be sad if one of her students left.

Of course he did some nice things, and I did like him, but it does get a bit annoying at times.

The secret clubs? It is quite nice, but I wasn't all that delighted that they were leaving people out. Not even bothering to ask if they were included in something.

Before I start with some of the good stuff, I do want to mention that there were a few mistakes in the text. For instance: The Nile runs through 11 countries, not 10. And it is still up to discussion whether or not it is the longest in the world. I also noticed some mistakes in the sentences. Such a shame, I would think that such a series as this would be checked better.

I loved the fact the class did Ancient Egypt as a topic. It sounded so much fun, especially when the class was split in several groups each of them doing their own Egypt-related thing. The end results for each group were fantastic, they really worked hard on it.

The book club, what a fun idea! I am sure lots of kids will join the club. I would have joined it if I was that age and in that class/school.

We also meet again the teacher who bought Humphrey at first. She really gets a prominent role in this one, and I was so happy. Also nice that she consulted Humphrey in a way about a classroom pet.

The ending, and what happened there? I was delighted, but also sad, I will miss that character, but I am happy for her that she got her wish.

All in all, I did enjoy the book and I will definitely continue with the series.

Review first posted at https://twirlingbookprincess.com

Shera says

Rated by Drew

Bearnice says

WAS DA CUTEST THING EVERRR

Elaine says

I liked this one well enough, but it wasn't spectacular. A lot of 'secrets' going on, as the title suggests...more like 'things that were going on that Humphrey didn't know about', which were more 'surprises' than 'secrets', except for the 'secret clubs', through which we learn that having secret clubs can hurt other peoples feelings when they are excluded. Overall, a good kids' book-teaches a good life lesson about not excluding others and has a lot of facts about ancient Egypt strewn throughout the book. I like this series because it has good 'heart' lessons and it also throws in some 'head' lessons too that hopefully make learning fun for the kids.

Irene says

One of the better books in the series!

In this installment, secrets run amok. First, Mrs. Brisbane and Principal Morales have a big secret that will be revealed eventually, but Humphrey is dying of curiosity in the meantime. Then, small groups of kids start forming secret clubs, feelings get hurt, and we all get a good lesson about not excluding others. One student has a bit of a problem that he keeps secret, and Humphrey plays a significant role in helping him to

overcome it. Even Aldo has a secret, but it's not very important, just one more thing for Humphrey to wonder about. I liked that the secrets were all reasonably believable and relatable.

My 6-year-old son LOVES Humphrey, and he was pretty bummed about this being the last book in the series. Luckily, he saw a "Coming soon!" advertisement in one of the books about *Imagination According to Humphrey*, which will be published in 2015, so at least we have that to look forward to.

Laurenc says

Secrets According to Humphrey is a pretty good book. If there were half and quarter stars, I would rate it 3 and 3 quarters. This book is more boring because Humphrey is less dramatic because he does not miss Ms.Mac as much. Humphrey goes home with a classmate in room 26 to find that she and a friend make a secret club! Back in Room 26, EVERYONE starts making secret clubs! And Aldo, the custodian has a secret, and one student is leaving! How will Humphrey ever sort things out?

Bella says

Secrets according to Humphrey is a great book. I am still wondering why the tv reporters had to come just because Phobe's parents came home. I realized Humphrey is such a adventures hamster. I like the Nile Girls secret club, but I learned secrets are not good unless it is a great surprise. It is not good to have a secret that you really want to tell. Secrets according to Humphrey, you should read it.

Diane says

"Secrets, secrets everywhere, Make me think my friends don't care."

Secrets are swirling around room 26: a student will be moving away soon, the students are forming "secret clubs" and excluding others, even Aldo and Ms. Mac have secrets. It's driving Humphrey crazy.

Humphrey's message: Secrets can be fun sometimes, but they can also hurt feelings. If a 2nd or 3rd grade classroom is having issues with exclusionary behavior, this might be a good read aloud to stimulate discussion on the issue.

Themes: Friendship, military families,

Owen says

Good

Hannah Russell says

This one feels pretty forced, especially when it realizes that there aren't enough kids in the new class, so it just introduced random children. And the message about being inclusive felt very forced.

Robin says

Listening to audiobooks narrated in first-person-hamster is not for the feint of heart. That being said, this was unsqueakably cute and had some valuable, if a trifle heavy-pawed, social skills lessons included.

Tog Travalia says

BEST. BOOK. EVER!!!!!

Oh !my god, this is the best book ever like ya! I'm so into it I want the NEXT-NEXT Sooooooooo much! Its like 'ya man, that's good, its great girls' and all that! Its like a never ending fun book, it makes you only think of it, it traps the story in your mind and makes you think 'what happens now? Does he get his notebook? Does he find out the surprise?' (Written by Emi travalia, daughter of Togo travalia)

Amanda says

funny i didn't make it to the end last time! Evelyn and i donated listening to the audiobook on a car ride today. Loved Humphreys rules at the end about secret do's and don'ts. There's always something learned in each book and this one had Egypt and library organization.

Didn't finish. Not sure if Will read ahead or not, but I never got to the end.