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Eddie's Great-aunt Mathilda is sick and he has to help take care of her. But when Eddie and his friends visit Mathilda's house, strange things start to happen. Howie sees someone staring at him from the attic window and, when his back is turned, his garlic potato chips are used to spell the word ATTIC on the ground. During later visits the kids hear noises from the attic, but Great-aunt Mathilda swears there's nothing up there. Could the ghost of Eddie's Great-uncle Jasper, who died years ago, be haunting his aunt's home? The Bailey School kids will find out!

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Brandy says

The Bailey School Kids books are awesome! They are funny with a just hint of scary and always offer a good mystery for young readers. These books are good for children who are just beginning with chapter books as well as those who just enjoy a good mystery. I really enjoyed this book, it would be a good book to practice making predictions with.

Stephanie (Bookish Plans) says

Rated G... I read this with my 3rd Graders who are in Title I with me and they really enjoyed this book. They kept trying to predict what mystery was happening within each chapter and they were eager to get to the next page. So from their perspective, the book is a 5 star. But as an adult, I thought it was okay.

Stephenie Barnes says

As a child i absolutely LOVED these stories!! I could not read them fast enough. Every story in the series was about a mythical creature who was doing something bizarre. A group of kids were always finding things these "creatures" and having to figure out if they were real or not. I loved the stories because I loved the idea of the make believe actually being real and also how the stories were kind of like a mystery and the children had to solve them. This series has pictures in them that are not really useful to the story but are fun to look at. I would promote these books everywhere because i hope that children love them as much as i did! They are a quick and easy read and also fun!!

Aslinn says

finally pulled it back off the shelf and finished it. ending was kind of a let down . too many unanswered questions. the build up was intriguing and held the kids' attention, but then suddenly it was over

paige turner says

Eddie seems to get on my nerves a lot. But dealing with old grumpy sick people could be rather annoying in a way, but it's a good thing that his friends were there with him. Who knows what could have happened to his aunt if they didn't go to try to find that ghost, on yet another dare.

I liked the ending, I liked how the ghost of Eddie's great aunt had helped them help her. I wanted to smack Eddie for even thinking about taking any of that money.

And when Eddie's great aunt got better, things started to look up and she really wasn't so mean after all.

Nice little mystery, a few laughs. I really enjoyed this book.

Katie says

They don't eat potato chips, do they? But how do you explain all the strange occurrences at Aunt Mathilda's house??? Fun read that has aged well.

Sarah Lloyd says

Series: A group of young friends are convinced that a ghost is haunting an old aunts house when they notice that there are potato chip crumbs. Mystery book.

Patricia says

I LOVE these books! I loved these series when I was a kid. Excellent.

Catherine Woodman says

The Bailey School Kids is a best-selling children's book series by Marcia Thornton Jones and Debbie Dadey. Its main characters are a group of four children (Eddie, Howie, Liza, Melody) who suspect some persons in the stories are popular folk lore or fairy tale characters. They are appealing because they mix a familiar story in with this group of kids. Mid-grammar school

Riley says

Meet the Bailey School Kids; aptly named in honor of the school that they attend. However, their stories are centered around the supernatural and scientific phenomena.

Spoilers ahead

In this episode of the anthological series, the children are sent to Eddie's home to care for his ailing great-aunt. She is suffering a cold, after the death of her husband. Eddie has a tumultuous relationship with his great-aunt and begrudgingly brings her meals by the request of his grandmother. However, when at her house, unexplained incidents occur. Burnt food cleans itself up, potato chips can spell, and mysterious shadows appear in the attic. Is this the ghost of Eddie's great-uncle, or the delusions of an old widow?

I believe that the simple structure and language of this series would appeal greatly to a younger audience between the ages of first through third grade. However, there may be some interest from older readers that

are in fourth or fifth grade. There is awareness to social emotional issues and appropriately coping with these challenges in a real-world setting. In addition to this instructional use, this book would be useful to teaching basic story elements such as characters, plot, setting, and conflict to a younger audience.

I chose this book because I keep a collection of these books on my classroom bookshelf because they have a reputation for their accessibility and high appeal to younger readers. Having struggling readers with learning disabilities in my classroom makes these an asset to my classroom library.

Jenna Sommerkamp says

Debbie Dadey and Marica Thornton Jones's Bailey School Kids series are fabulous books that elementary aged children adore. The series includes a group of four kids (Edie, Howie, Lizzy, and Melody) who are always involved in funny yet spooky mysterious adventures. The book "Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips" is a mystery about a ghost that lives in the attic of Eddie's great-aunt Mathilda's attic. Eddie 's great aunt is extremely ill and his grandmother sends him over to her house to provide her with lunch and dinner. Eddie does not like his great aunt as he says she is beyond mean. He says that her husband, Jasper who has died was even meaner. When taking lunch to aunt Mathilda, Eddie brings Howie along with him. Howie witnesses his aunts cruelty, and while Eddie is watering her so called garden, Howie sees a man in the attic window. Eddie does not believe Howie, but Howie is convinced what he saw was real. Howie explains what he saw to the two girls and they become concerned. Eddie believes them all to be crazy but in the ends finds out that his uncle Jasper's ghost was living in the attic waiting for someone to find the money he had hidden for aunt Mathilda. The illustrations bring detailed emotions to the text. They illustrate the ghostly clues, show the cruelty of Mathilda, and show the characters expressions to certain situations. The pictures are black and white with a sketchy pencil look to them. I believe they book needs them to help students picture the events. I feel this book would be best for third or fourth grade students. The mysterious fun will have students wanting to keep reading more. As an young adult I loved reading the book and wouldn't mind reading other books in the series.

Rachael says

I read this one to the children to help encourage Lj's reading. And it worked! He read the Unicorn book all by himself in the next two days and most of the reading was done without me having to ask him. Thank you Bailey School Kids!!!! Very Clever Stories :) :) :)

Jessica Van Vleet says

This was a really cute book. I read it to my 9yo son. He said it was spooky, but not scary. Just enough mystery and he liked the pictures. Great chapter book for young readers. The words aren't too difficult, but not babyish. We bought a bunch of the series at a garage sale, and I am glad that we did. This is a series I will stick with and continue to grow my children's library with.

Tiffany says

Nostalgia :)

Samantha Osborne says

A very good read I really enjoyed it
