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We've all woken up on the wrong side of the bed. But have you ever woken up *stuck* to the bed? Masha Sweet has. And there's only one possible reason: her little sister Sunny. Masha is used to Sunny's evil genius ways, but the glue Sunny used to secure a bouquet of plastic daisies to Masha's head is not coming out! The girls have to stay home from school and through a bizarre turn of events, they wind up at the hospital. It's the perfect place to fix Masha's head...but first they will (almost) contract a (not so) killer virus, steal a cast, and lead the nurses on a wild goose chase. When this is all over, Sunny Sweet is going to be so sorry!

Sunny Sweet Is So Not Sorry Details

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Katie Fitzgerald says

One morning, Masha wakes up to discover that her younger sister, Sunny, a true evil genius, has permanently glued a bouquet of plastic flowers to her hair. When her mother discovers that they can't easily remove the flowers, Masha is allowed to stay home from school, but it's not long before her elderly next door neighbor has an accident. Masha and Sunny wind up following their neighbor to the emergency room, where a series of unlikely events leads to a madcap adventure involving a case of mistaken identity, an infectious disease, and a doctor who wants to shave Masha's head!

For kids with a zany sense of humor, Sunny Sweet is So Not Sorry will be a real treat. From beginning to end, this book is unpredictable, with silly surprises lurking in every chapter. Girls who have pesky younger siblings will relate all too well to Masha's frustrations with Sunny's mischievous behavior, but they might also appreciate their own sisters that much more when they realize how much worse their situations could be! Most of what happens in this book is over the top and totally impossible, especially the scenes of borderline medical malpractice that take place at the hospital, but for kids who like good escapist fiction this won't be a problem. This story is pure tween entertainment from beginning to end, and readers won't be satisfied until they come to the end of the girls' adventure and discover how things are made right.

Though the reading level of this book makes me classify it as middle grade, I think it would make a great read-aloud for younger kids as well. Most kids don't behave like Sunny, but she is so much fun to watch in action! In fact, Sunny reminds me a lot of Judy Blume's Fudge, another troublesome younger sibling in middle grade fiction who appeals to kids of all ages – even adults! Sunny Sweet is So Not Sorry was not necessarily my cup of tea, as I tend to have trouble suspending my disbelief, but I have a feeling young readers will eagerly open their imaginations to these characters and the events of their crazy day.

Nicole McInnes says

Filled with lots of great moments between the main character, Masha, and her too-smart-for-her-own-good little sister, Sunny, this book follows the girls' through one very adventurous day. Masha faces scary situations, meets new people and gains new insight into life with her hardworking, single mother. All of this is handled deftly and realistically by Jennifer Mann. I can't wait to read the next book!

Susan says

I started this book thinking it would be a cute story to read in my spare time, but the novel was much more than that. There was humor, emotion, and depth to the plot and the characters. I was laughing throughout it, but I also felt myself seeing the underlying love that was felt between the two sisters. This is a must read for anyone. I am eager for the next one to come out! I am in love with the crazy shenanigans of Marsha and Sunny Sweet. JUST KIDDING! I would never forget the absence of an r in Masha's name.

Chelsea Pitcher says

This book was so sweet! (No pun intended, okay?) Very light and funny at times, but definitely more serious toward the middle. I loved the juxtaposition of humor and depth. Readers will be laughing all the way through, but they'll also be able to identify with Masha's deeper feelings about her parents' divorce, her family's recent move, and fitting in at school.

There were so many things to love about this book, and I especially enjoyed Masha's relationship with Alice. The story deals with compassion and empathy without being preachy, and I loved witnessing Masha's growth throughout the course of the novel.

And Sunny! Sunny was so cute, yet so mischievous. I could see why Masha was often infuriated with her, but at the same time, I definitely understood why the adults were so charmed by her. And I loved the way both characters grew from their experiences. Very sweet and believable.

Fantastic story!

Heather Demetrios says

The voice is so strong—Jen walks this sweet line in middle grade between innocence and emerging maturity. Her protagonist, Masha, isn't a syrupy sweet little girl: she's got lots of attitude and a rich interior life. I love her little sister, Sunny—she kind of reminds me of Emma Jean Lazarus from *Emma Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree*. She's hilarious with her spot-on comic timing, but what's best is her insatiable curiosity and how much she interacts with her environment. Jen does a great job of balance here, too: though Sunny is a genius, she's also at times a vulnerable little girl. No stock characters here! I love the occasional zany bits, but again, that sense of balance with the budding friendship between Masha and one of the ill children at the hospital keeps it emotionally resonant.

Ms. Yingling says

When Masha wakes up with her head glued to her pillow, and flowers stuck in her hair, she knows that her annoyingly precocious sister, Sunny, is to blame. She decides to stay home from school, which her mother says is okay. It's a good thing she does, because she's there when her neighbor, Mrs. Song, falls off her bicycle. Masha is able to call 911 and is there when the ambulance comes, but things get complicated. Sunny has come home from school, and both girls go in the ambulance with Mrs. Song. They end up having a whole host of adventures in the hospital, including Masha's arm being put in a cast, and Sunny getting into all kinds of trouble. After meeting some of the children who are patients in the hospital, Masha has a new appreciation of how lucky she is, even if her younger sister is obnoxious.

Strengths: This was a very fun, quick read, and I wouldn't mind seeing further adventures of these two. While a little young for middle school students, I could see this being very popular with the elementary crowd.

Weaknesses: I had to suspend disbelief at the circumstances. Don't know that the ambulance crew would have taken the girls with Mrs. Song, and I also couldn't believe that the hospital would cast Masha's arm

without a parent. Isn't that why I STILL send Emergency Medical Authorization cards with my minor children whenever they go anywhere for more than a day? Students won't be bothered by this, but it took some of the fun out of the story for me. I worry.

Anna says

Siblings are often difficult, especially when the younger sibling is a know-it-all. In this case, that sibling Sunny is actually a genius, which seems to give her complete freedom to do horribly destructive things that have disastrous results for her older sister. I was so completely annoyed by this younger sister, which as I reflect is a good sign for the writer. I think I was more annoyed by the praise and permission granted Sunny from grownups. A good ending with hints of more annoyances and conflicts in the future.

Dena (Batch of Books) says

This book is SUPER cute. I read it to my girls and they loved it. My oldest said that she wished there was a movie about Sunny and Masha Sweet!

Masha is an adorable character that has to put up with and suffer through the "experiments" of her evil genius of a younger sister. There were several times throughout the book that I laughed out loud. Sunny keeps making life more and more miserable for poor Masha, yet Masha proves to be a worthwhile role model as she continues to forgive and express love for her sister.

I would gladly recommend this book to young boys and girls. It shows the ups and downs involved with having a sibling, while making you smile through the whole ordeal. And, it also made me grateful that I did NOT have a sibling like Sunny, because I know I wouldn't have been as forgiving as Masha.

Illustrations: There are approximately 2-3 black and white illustrations per chapter. They give just enough to enhance the story without being too distracting. It's also nice for younger readers to have a visual aid.

My blog: Books for Kids

Valerie says

Sunny Sweet Is So Not Sorry by Jennifer Ann Mann (www.valeriemarchini.blogspot.com)

Masha never worried about going to bed with an evil genius living in the same house, AKA her younger sister, Sonny, until she woke up one morning with plastic flowers glued to her head.

Sonny is a sweet, innocent, curious child who just happens to be a brilliant, budding scientist. And what would a scientist be without experiments? And every experiment needs a guinea pig or in this case, her older sister, Masha.

But Masha is tired of being a science experiment. What she'd like is for people to remember her name. She is Masha, not Marsha. It's hard enough being the new girl in school and showing up with a bouquet of

flowers cemented to the top of her head will not make it any easier. Sunny will be so sorry for what she did!

As they look for ways to loosen the glue, Masha's day goes from bad to worse. She quickly ends up bruised with a black eye, a not-so-busted arm with an orange cast and open cuts on her head. By the time their zany adventure is over, Sonny will have been lost several times sending Masha on a hunt for her while evading the people looking for Masha.

Sunny Sweet Is So Not Sorry by Jennifer Ann Mann is a funny and charming story of two sisters and their adventure that ends with a better understanding between them. But don't relax just yet, Masha, Sonny is so not done with her human experiments!

Gigi says

A fun new series with Masha and her intellectually gifted and super-precocious little sister. Will be getting it for my 4th graders.

Shari says

Sunny Sweet Is So Not Sorry is a funny and endearing addition to middle grade literature. Kids (especially older siblings) will be able to relate to poor Masha, an earnest, appealing protagonist stuck with a crazy cute, evil genius little sister. Readers will cringe with Masha as adults fall for Sunny's charm, and let her get away with everything. It's a big sister's worst nightmare! Mann manages to combine reality fiction, reminiscent of Judy Blume and Beverly Cleary with some preposterous twists and turns, a la Lemony Snicket. It's a little over-the-top, but that's what makes it so appealing. What's most impressive is the author's ability to weave in - with grace and humor - divorced parents, elderly neighbors with health issues, a first crush, and even a children's ward in a hospital. It's quite a feat to combine all that with levity and humor. My only word of caution is that the cover art and book length can skew younger than the recommended 8-12 age group, and parents need to know that some of the kids in the hospital have very real illnesses (Cancer and Spina Bifida to name two) that might need to be explained or discussed with younger readers who may not be ready for these concepts.

Jen Jenson says

This was a GoodReads 1st Reads.

I absolutely LOVED Sunny Sweet is So Not Sorry! Absolutely loved it! :) It was so fun and engaging. I laughed, I mean really laughed hard on nearly every page! The writing was great, the pace, rhythm, and story were simply fantastic! I'm now a big fan of Jennifer Ann Mann, and can't wait to read her other work! Thank you 1st Reads! I love this program and love being introduced to new fabulous people and adventures. Highly recommend, to children of all ages.

Finished 19 December 2013

Crystalee says

Jennifer Mann's debut middle grade novel is a fun introduction to Masha Sweet and her sister, Sunny. Sunny is a child genius, much to the horror of her older sister, Masha. Masha is usually the victim of Sunny's experiments, which Sunny always seems to get away with. This time, Sunny has gone too far by using a super-strength glue to affix flowers into Masha's hair. A hilarious series of events follows.

Masha has a unique voice for a middle schooler, and one that makes the reader feel both her love and disdain for her little sister. Middle school readers will likely enjoy the crazy adventure the sisters go on at the hospital, although as an adult I found myself wondering about how realistic certain events really were.

This was a quick read, and I think most pre-teen girls would love it. There was also a little bit of age-appropriate romance, and this issues of divorce and fitting in with peers were touched on. This should be a fun series to follow in the coming years.

Elissa Schaeffer says

Masha believes her younger sister, Sunny, is an evil genius. The genius part is true and Sunny certainly loves to cause chaos and problems for Masha!

Masha is an 11-year-old struggling to find her place in a world with a genius sister everyone notices and loves, despite her precociousness and uncanny ability to annoy her sister to anger. She believes she's the only one who sees Sunny for the evil genius that she really is. Add to that a new home and school with her recently divorced mom, and Masha just wants things to be normal. She wants rules to be followed, to find a friend, and for Sunny to stay out of her hair. Literally. Because she wakes up with plastic flowers stuck to her head, courtesy of the evil genius little sister. And so begins the most un-Masha-like day that she's ever had.

There is so much to like about this book. I really liked Masha, and I was appropriately annoyed by Sunny and frustrated by everyone's reactions to her. But in the course of this one day, everything that could possibly (outrageously) happen, did happen. You think that nothing can get worse and then suddenly something even worse happens. And it keeps piling up. While Masha struggles to try to keep some sense of order, she ends up having the most eye-opening and character-developing day.

Easily recommended, ages 8 and up. I look forward to more.

Nicole says

I really loved the relationship between Masha and Sunny because even though they were terrible to one another, they really did love each other. I also loved that this book is now going to be a series, and that they are going to be even more stories where Sunny is awful to Masha but tries to make it right in the end. I think that this is a super cute and quick read, and is great for any one with siblings boy or girl.

There were so many great characters in this book and a lot of lessons for the young readers to enjoy. I'm

looking forward to what sort of trouble Masha and Sunny will be getting into next.
