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Mortimer is looking for love. And he's looking everywhere! He's worked out at the gym (if only his arm wouldn't keep falling off). He's tried ballroom dancing lessons (but the ladies found him to be a bit stiff). He's even been on stalemate.com. How's a guy supposed to find a ghoul? When it seems all hope has died, could the girl of Mortimer's dreams be just one horrifying shriek away?

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From Reader Review Zombie in Love for online ebook

Erica says

I don't like zombies and I don't much care for love, but maybe it's the whole "two negatives make a positive" thing that made me adore this book. I especially like the worms. They made me giggle.

Update:

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OMG!

I just found out they had a baby! Or, more likely, STOLE a baby because, come on, making a baby when all the reproductive parts are dead is going to be difficult.

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Archit Ojha says

"Mildred was drop-dead gorgeous."

Mortimer was certain to meet the girl of his dreams and why not? After all, he had read all the books and done all the research.

Love at the first bite is exactly how zombies' love stories would end or should I say begin?

Loved the illustrations and the efforts Mortimer took.

Laura says

Zombie in Love. Do I need to say more? Haha... Look at that title and cover! It says "Laura" all over it! :D

Mortimer, our zombie hero, is determined to find love. A girl or ghoul to spend his un-dead days with. He's tried it all—from gifts to personal ads with no luck. But his tender, open, slightly moldy heart is determined to meet his sweetheart at the Cupid's Ball. With silly, sweet, clever zombie humor and fun, Mortimer's search for love will hit your funny bone and heart.

I have to share his personal ad. It killed me!:D

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I don't know how Scott Campbell did it, but the expression and emotion captured in Mortimer's eyes will make you "awww" all over the place. The hope and love on his face is adorable and so, so sweet! Every tall, filled to the brim with gross-slimy fun page will make you smile. Brilliant zombie knick-knacks, laughs and details stand out in every corner. An "I Love Brains" coffee mug, worms, odor swirls and so much more made me laugh out loud. Was that an air freshener on Mortimer's lapel? Haha...

Kelly DiPucchio and Scott Campbell's Zombie in Love is a must read for any zombie fan! Young, old, or un-dead!

Meredith Holley says

This is such a great book, but weird at the same time. On the one hand, It's kind of depressing to read, over and over, how much more successful than me the undead are at romantic relationships. On the other hand, this guy really does try harder than me, so I shouldn't complain, and this is a sweet book. But, back on the first hand, it's a sweet picture book for kids about a zombie, sooooo . . . Do we really want to be teaching our children about how endearing zombies are? I ask you.

No, I do not ask you: I tell you! This is no way to prepare children for the zombie apocalypse! Children need to know that zombies are terrifying, flesh-eating monsters. That is really the most important thing they need to know about zombies. There are a few other things that might be helpful, though, so, kids: #2: If you grow up to be an activist, do not release lab animals if they look crazed. #3: If you grow up to become a scientist, do not develop a zombie virus. (Trust me! It's not worth it!) #4: Shoot for the head or neck. #5: Even if it's your friend, don't hesitate to shoot.

Those are the most important things I can think of. This book takes a different track, which I can . . . respect. It took the zombies-are-huggable track. It seems like a suspect moral message to me. But, it is such a cute book, and the illustrations are so great! I am torn. Just because it is fiction, though, doesn't mean it doesn't have an obligation to warn kids about the dangers of the zombie apocalypse.

A book fairy gave me a free copy of this lovely book. Thank you!

Deirdre says

I loved this children's book! The story and pictures were both super cute (zombie-cute, of course). I especially enjoyed the clever details in the illustrations--like our zombie hero's cute skeletal dog, candlesticks sticking out of brains, and worms playing cards in the corner of a scene. Sometime this summer, I plan to attempt the adult zombie romance novel Dearly, Departed--but I have a feeling it will not be as entertaining as Zombie in Love. :)

Mariah Roze says

My students LOVED this story! They thought the illustrations were hilarious and that the book was written similar to a graphic novel.

Carmen says

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Saturday, Cupid's Ball, Punch Bowl, 7:00 P.M.

Mortimer is lonely.

He lives resides in his house with his rotting pet dog and his little army of worms, but he longs for more... female companionship.

Women just seem to be repulsed and frightened by him.

Did I mention he's a zombie?

His boxes of chocolate (rife with insects) and hearts (ripped from human cadavers) don't seem to have the romantic affect on women that he intends them to have.

He does his best to improve himself - taking his dog for walks in the park, working out, learning to dance - but to no avail. Women still shun him.

It's obvious he needs someone a little more like himself. That's when he places the ad in the newspaper.

Mortimer puts a lot of time and effort into preparing himself for the dance: buying a new suit, using breath mints death mints, pinning an air freshener to his lapel where a human would pin a carnation...

But when he gets to the dance, still no luck. Women avoid him and run screaming from him.

Giving up all hope of ever finding love, a dejected Mortimer shuffles towards the exit.

Then he hears a crash behind him, and sees a woman on the floor in a puddle of punch. An especially GRAY-skinned woman. An especially DEAD-looking woman. They smile at each other...

Well, I won't tell you what happens next but suffice it to say it's a happy ending.

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This is a perfect child's-first-zombie-book, and they'll be enchanted. Highly recommended.

Alicia says

Loved it. Cute, funny and original. Mortimer tries and tries to find love, but the girls just don't seem to like him. Mortimer's zombie grossness is tempered by the soft watercolor illustrations, as well as his genuine sweetness, and little readers will have hope for him. They will also have fun noticing details in the artwork, and laughing out loud at Mortimer's efforts (and some failures). I just can't wait to read this for a storytime. It would be especially good for Valentine's Day or Halloween.

I used this for a Silly Saturday storytime with wonderful results. The younger children weren't afraid because they didn't pick up on some of the grosser details. The older children laughed like crazy and scooted right up to the front to see the illustrations better. Even the parents were laughing along and rooting for Mortimer.

Brigitte Chick says

My favorite part was when they had a picnic in the graveyard and ate brain cake.

Julia says

I went to the bookstore today and saw this and couldn't help but buying it for my niece (I have no idea if she'll like it but I think its hysterical).

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Life is lonely for Mortimer the zombie and he is doing everything he can to meet a girl, but its just not working. This is his story.

Very funny, especially if you look closely at the pictures (which are very well done). I recommend for any zombie loving parents. Or if you have an addiction to children's books:)

Amy Yingling says

Mortimer is one of the living dead, basically, he's a zombie who's looking for love. Mortimer really tries to get a girl but it is hard for him to appeal to those girls, the living ones that is. So Mortimer puts an ad in the newspaper looking for love to meet up on Saturday at the Cupid's Ball. Poor Mortimer he waits and he waits and when it seems that all is lost there is Mildred, another zombie, laying sprawled out on the floor because her leg fell off. It was love at first sight and I'm pretty sure they are going to last because the 2nd book in this series is them having a baby, which I am pretty sure is physically impossible, but that is for a different discussion.

Mark says

Though it is funny in a quirky way, I am not sure whether this book is suitable for children below 10 years old.

Parents need to know that this sweet, silly zombie love story has gruesome elements suited to the subject matter: worms, severed limbs, a detached heart, a severed finger, a plate of eyeballs, a keyboard made of finger bones, and a picnic in a graveyard with brain as the entree.

The pictures are somehow cute, but once again, parents should be aware that the story and pictures might be disturbing. Please accompany your kids while reading this.

The Styling Librarian says

Wow, I understand why this won the awards it did. Fantastic. Cannot wait to share it with my students. Zombies.. brain eating... limbs falling off... love story... what isn't to enjoy about that? Of course my 5 year old turning the pages and saying "ew" was also terrific. I just love this series, I'm DYING to share it with kids... Happy to add to the collection, especially with the zombies the kids already deal with in all their computer games!

thuy says

Mortimer is a lonely zombie looking for love. He tries everything he can think of to impress the ladies - from a box of delicious worms, a diamond ring fresh from the grave and even offers up a heart (newly deceased), but nothing works. What's a ghoul supposed to do? Mortimer decides puts a personal ad in the local paper in the hopes that the perfect girl will see it. But does Mortimer's dream girl show up at Cupid's Ball or is Mortimer doomed to stalk the earth alone?

I LOVE Zombie in Love! My friends will all tell you that I have a thing for zombies. I'm not sure what it is

but I find them to be endlessly fascinating and zombies seem to be having a renaissance right now with the popularity of The Walking Dead and books like Warm Bodies and Ashes. However, these are all made for and older audience, leaving kids out of the zombie fun (yes, zombies are fun). Luckily for your children (and me), Kelly DiPucchio had the brilliance to write a zombie love story perfect for children and adults alike.

Zombie in Love is a sweet and funny love story full of quiet humor and visual gags and each page was a delight to read. The story is one that both children and adults will enjoy. Kids will undoubtedly like the gross factor of this book. There are plenty of hanging limbs, open wounds and protruding bones to giggle and poke fun at. There's even a cute zombie dog and friendly worms to keep Mortimer company on his quest for love. Scott Campbell's whimsical illustrations are the perfect compliment to DiPucchio's story. I would be happy to read this aloud to a child and am, in fact, plotting to get a few copies as gifts for some recently born babies. This book is a great read for any child or zombie loving adult!

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Yes...even zombies are looking for love. But sometimes you can look in the wrong places and get frustrated. But just remember: there is 'zomebody' out there for everyone! (Sorry...that was so bad!)