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Laura says

Amelia and her cousin Alcolu are getting Miss Alma's house ready for a surprise shower. Miss Alma's friends are going to be surprising her with a shower because she is going to be getting married soon.

Alcolu is as literal thinking as Amelia so you can imagine what kind of shower they prepare for. One of my favorite things they do in this crazy mixed up word of misunderstandings is prune the bushes. Instead of trimming them, Alcolu is given a box of prunes by Amelia to decorate all of the bushes outdoors.

As usual, Amelia is charming and means so well no one can be angry with her for very long.

This book was originally published in 1966. It is just as funny today as it was then and holds up very, very well over the test of time. As I have said before, I loved *Amelia Bedelia* when I was a child and I love her now even though I am a grandma. Perhaps even more.

Benedict Randhawa says

Amelia and her cousin Alcolu are getting Miss Alma's house ready for a surprise shower. Miss Alma's friends are going to be surprising her with a shower because she is going to be getting married soon. But she does something else. Like the way they misunderstand the words.

Memory Toast says

I didn't love this as much as some of the others in the series, but it continues in the tradition of puns and double word meanings.

Sis3 says

Reader is sort of old fashioned. Still a good story about a housekeeper who hears things literally and all the trouble that follows. Funny story!

Matthew Hunter says

Same hilarity. Try not to laugh at Amelia's execution of the surprise shower. Think she might understand "wedding shower" differently than we do? (Yes, she does.)

Liz says

The Amelia Bedelia easy readers are classics in the "I Can Read" genre. Amelia Bedelia's antics are funny and captivating to young readers as she helps them learn that the same word can have many meanings. In this volume Amelia is helping Mrs. Rogers to throw Miss. Alma a wedding shower. Cousin Alcolu comes over to help prune the hedge while Amelia scales and ices the fresh fish. When Amelia and Alcolu shower Miss. Alma with the garden hose tempers flair until Amelia brings out tea and chocolate icing covered fish. Everyone laughs as they realize the mix up. In the end everyone has a great time and Mrs. Ralph's children love the prunes on the hedge!

This and the other Amelia Bedelia books use humor to reinforce that the same word can have multiple meanings. Readers laugh along as the colorful pictures show Amelia trying very hard but getting mixed up all along the way. Peggy Parish's writing style allows kids to follow and learn new words as they read. Over the years these classic early readers have earned their keep.

Sonia says

Another Amelia Bedelia story.

She's up to her antics again. Simply can't understand the directions given to her right. As usual Mr. and Mrs. Rogers doesn't check to make sure she understands.

What kind of irks me about this book though is that it seems all the laborers are dumb (to put it nicely). I was okay with Amelia being off kilter just for the hilarity of it, but its kind of annoying when it feels like all the laborers are the same. It's not exactly a nice message to portray.

It was an okay book.

Pedro Mercado says

Porque todo esta en ingles y no en español

Selah Pike says

When my son was 3, and just learning to take a shower, he asked me if I was going to shower his baby sister with lemonade. I couldn't figure out what he was talking about at first, and then I remembered our shopping trip earlier in the week. I bought lemonade for a friend's baby shower. ? Amelia Bedelia makes a similar mistake in this book, but since she's a grown woman, it's not quite as funny. ?

Maria says

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Luisa Knight says

You know it's going to be good when the word "shower" is used in an Amelia Bedelia book. This was probably my favorite of all and read many times over. And I kind of always wanted to throw a similar party - the prankster side of me relished the thought. *wink*

Reading Level: 1st - 3rd grades

Cleanliness: someone says "thank goodness."

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Ellenjsmellen says

One of my favorite Amelia Bedelias. I enjoy reading this to my son.

Kira says

It was funny and weird as usual.

Abby Gallier says

As you may know, our idea of a "surprise shower" is very different from Amelia Bedelia's. When Mrs. Rogers informs Amelia Bedelia that she is planning a surprise shower for one of the ladies in her sewing group, things get a little out of hand...let's just say it involves swimsuits, chocolate-covered fish, and presents! This book is a good reading level for ages 6-8, and when they see what Amelia Bedelia manages to cook up this time, it is sure to make them laugh.

Amy Layton says

There's a reason why Amelia Bedelia is loved across my generation, and more specifically, my friend group. Amelia is sweet, kind, and always trying to help out--even when she gets it wrong. And thankfully, everyone is laughing in the end, deviating from their usually-uptight ways of being.

Amelia Bedelia plays on word meanings and social nuances with its text and illustrations to illuminate just how words and social events have many meanings, some of which are more literal than others.

These books always end up uproariously funny, and I'm more than glad about it.

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