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Ocean's 11 . . . with 11-year-olds, in a super stand-alone heist caper from Gordon Korman!

After a mean collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing must put together a band of misfits to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. There are many things standing in their way -- a menacing guard dog, a high-tech security system, a very secret hiding place, and their inability to drive -- but Griffin and his team are going to get back what's rightfully his . . . even if hijinks ensue.

This is Gordon Korman at his crowd-pleasing best, perfect for readers who like to hoot, howl, and heist.

Swindle Details

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Claire says

Yeah, a book for the 9 year old and up. A classic heist, I can easily see it as a movie, the smart kids in the class band together to teach a cheating collectibles dealer a well deserved lesson.

♥ Indu says

Swindle is a really good book. I really like Griffin because he's "the man with the plan."

Conor says

This book is a very quick read and it is also pretty funny. I read 70 pages in less then an hour that is how good it is! I think you guys should read it.

Dolly says

This is the first book in the Swindle series by Gordon Korman. The story details how a group of children come together to right a wrong, planning their stealthy operation with precise steps and thinking of most of the contingencies.

The leader, Griffin, creates his team focusing on the talents each child possesses. And together, they are able to work around most obstacles But, as expected, their plan goes awry, and the team gets caught up in a big mess.

The narrative is short and engaging and I really enjoyed listening to Jonathan Todd Ross narrate the story on audiobook. I expect that I will read more of the books in this series.

Faiz Minhajuddin says

A boy named Griffin was planning to have a sleepover with his friends, until a person named Wendell swindles him into a very rare Babe Ruth card. Wendell tries to sell the card for a very high price. The book is called Swindle and it is by Gordan Korman. This book is about three friends named Griffin, Darren and Ben trying to get the card back from a person named Wendell. The story takes place in New York. The book is based around how people can swindle you for things that you posses. And they can trick you for things easily.

The book Swindle fits in the mystery genre because they use vocab that is common in the that genre. The book has no bad words in it. And the mystery movie, The Monster House also has no bad words in it. This

shows how the book is similar to most pieces of literature in the mystery genre. Also, the book contains stuff that is necessary for a genre novel. The book contains characters, a setting, a plot, a problem and a solution for the problem. Some of the characters in the book are Griffen, Wendell, Darren and Ben. And the problem is that Wendell swindled Griffin into a card that was worth more than he knew it was. Finally, the genre mystery and the book have a similar message. The message is finding the solution of a problem. The solution is that Griffin plans with his friends to get his valuable card back.

I thought the book, *Swindle* was a good book because it always leaves you with a cliffhanger at the end of every chapter. I think so the author made cliffhangers because the author knows that a mystery genre contains mystery's and it has to be leaving the reader with something to be curious about after reading the book. I think people who enjoy reading about mysteries would like this book. This is because *Swindle* is a type of book that makes readers feel curious. So if you are a kind of person who likes to read about mysteries, then I highly recommend you this book.

Jackie says

When Griffin Bing surprisingly finds an old Babe Ruth baseball card in the about-to-be demolished Rockford Mansion, his first instinct is to determine its worth. That brings him to Palomino's Emphorium of Collectibles and Memorabilia. After Griffin and his friend, Ben make a deal for the card and sell it to S. Wendell (sounds deceptively like swindle, eh?) Palomino for a cool \$120, they are disappointed it wasn't worth more.

That's when the reality of the situation sets in and Griffin and Ben find out that the card is extremely rare and worth somewhere near one million dollars! They've been had, they've been cheated...they've been swindled! Griffin revs up into action and lives up to his name, Griffin Bing: The Man with a Plan. Griffin gathers just the perfect set of classmates to help him with his baseball card heist to get back what he believes is rightfully his. A rock-climber, a computer genius, a bully, an actor and an animal-rights activist are all part of his entourage. Will he succeed in getting past Palomino's guard dogs, high-tech security system and the nosiest neighbor on the planet?

You'll just have to read all about it in *Swindle* by Gordon Korman. A fast-paced, nail-biting, suspenseful adventure full of imaginative escapades and plans-of-action that is sure to please readers who are young and young at heart.

Tyler says

Griffin and his friends find a Rare Babe Ruth Baseball Card. That card is worth one million dollars. S. Wendell tricks him out of the card for little money. They realized they just got swindle and they have to try and get the card back. So he gets some of his friends and enemies and he said he would give them part of the money if they help. They try many ways to get in the house but they can't seem to. They have to find another way to get in the house. Do they get the card or not? I like this book because they find some creative ways to try and break in. I also like this book because I like sports and it talks about baseball cards.

Yahir Estrada says

I think think this book was amazing. It had a lot of descriptive areas and it also had various types of conflicts. The best thing about this book in my mind is that it had real facts about the Babe Ruth card and the Honus Wager one. This book is amazing.

Jeremy Shrewsbury says

My Book Review

Book title and author: Swindle by Gordon Korman

Title of review: Reviewing Swindle

Number of stars (1 to 5): 5

Introduction

The book I am going to be reviewing is Swindle it is written by Gordon Korman. This story is awesome they start off in a house where they was going to stay to prove that they should get a skate park. Well they do and one of the kids find a card they is like a miss print

Description and summary of content

Then they go to a store to see if it is worth anything which it is but they get played. The guy give them a hundred dollar's but it is about half a million dollars so they make a plan to get the card back. So they put a team to gather and tell them what they need from them.

Evaluation

This was amazing book that I would say anybody could get into it if you're over the age ten. I love the book because when it tells you that kid are going up against adults that is when I got into the book because I love it when kids stand up for what they believe in. That was what I love the most about this story.

Conclusion

Yes, I would recommend other people to read this book. If you love books about people standing up for what they believe in then this book is the right book for you because this is a book I never will forget about.

Jesse Lieser says

I think this book was a very good book. My favorite part of this book is when they had the heist on Swindles house. I would say the character that I relate to the most is Ben because I like to sleep. I would reccemmond this book to anyone that likes a mystery with a bit of comedy.

Hannah says

Oh, Gordon Korman... where have the halcyon days gone when you wrote hilarious books with quirky characters, genuinely novel and unlikely yet somehow believable situations, and witty dialogue? Have you

lost your inspiration? Did you get involved with the Mafia for real, and now are duty/honor bound to pay off some ridiculous sum, forcing you to shove as many books out of your pen/computer as humanly possible? Did you, in fact, die, and are this very instant not only rolling but *rotating* in your grave like a hotdog on a spit because of what your ghostwriter is doing to sully your good name? Alas, regardless of the explanation, it seems you've reduced your writing down to a formula so that you can churn out "hits" much as Britney Spears does (...or doesn't. You know.)

Let me describe said formula: mix two characters, one with "zany" and single-minded focus on seemingly unattainable or ridiculous goal(s), and one who is patently normal who reacts with shock, varying degrees of repulsion, and yet increasingly, passion for realizing character #1s goals. Throw in an antagonist (most likely a grouchy middle-aged man), a cast of other "unusual" peers, and a "kids vs. The Man"-based plot, and you have yourself a book!

Note, however, that this formula lacks any sort of heart, true humor, or, for that matter, any emotion whatsoever. It is a barren wasteland of cardboard cutouts hurtling their way through a mere semblance of a plot with only one obvious goal: that another paperback get shoved on a shelf. Sad face to you, Mr. Korman. Very sad face.

Paul says

A very great book! This book has a lot of author's craft that makes you want to keep reading it! This book is a little bit about crime. A gang of kids try to break in to a person ripped them off (Swindle)'s house. Griffin must be a risk taker. He's the one who took a risk of breaking into a person's house!

Libby May says

[I can't believe that they actually pulled the first break in off! And then despite the bumps in the road they pulled off the second one too! Of course there

Paige Doherty says

This book theme was that not everything is what you think it is. This is best shown by two boys who stay a night in a building to protest not putting up a skate park. While they were in the house they found a valuable card and since their family is tight on money they decide to see a specialist in cards. He told the kids that the card was only worth 120 dollars when it was really worth 2 million dollars. They made plans to try to get the card back. Lets just say that didn't work out to good. In the long run they found the owner and no body went to jail. But they all learned the lesson that not everything is what you think it was.

Kristine Hansen says

There's a certain tone you get with any Gordon Korman book (or at least this theory holds true in every one

I've read so far) that is the voice of pained reason. The sidekick telling the story for the most part of a kid who's a schemer, a plotter, a planner. The Zack Morris (sorry if I'm dating myself) of the middle school crowd. The Man With a Plan.

This particular mastermind is after a Babe Ruth card - one that's been stolen from him, that he has no problem with stealing back. Regardless of how many laws need to be broken to accomplish the task. While I winced at the morality, the team assembled would do Ocean's Eleven proud, and the heist when it's finally pulled off, is a thing of beauty - especially in the whole array of ways that it does go wrong, as of course it has to.

I liked these kids. I liked the story. I'm dinging it a point because I was never quite comfortable with the premise, but want very much to read the rest of the series because it was just that much fun. If you're a fan of Gordon Korman books you can't go wrong with grabbing this one for a quick read. It's just that much fun.
