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Go Room One! It's time for the first-grade kickball tournament! Only, here's the problem. Junie B. has hurt her big piggy toe and she can't play on the team. So, now what? She *definitely* doesn't want to be a cheerleader. But wait! Maybe she could be in Sheldon's halftime show! Then all eyes would be on her! And she would be the star! Hurray! Hurray! Junie B. . . . in the spotlight. What could *possibly* go wrong?

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From Reader Review Junie B., First Grader: One-Man Band for online ebook

Megan Ewald says

Junie B. Jones is part of a series all about Junie B. In this book, Junie B., First Grader: One-Man Band, Junie tries to find another way to be active in her first grade kickoff tournament. With a hurt toe, she isn't able to participate but she finds a way. Her way is the one-man band. When the time has come, the act before her, Sheldon and the cymbals goes wrong and Sheldon runs off the field in tears. Junie picks up the cymbals and start making a noise. She captures the attention of the crowd and starts her act- juggling. She actually turns out to be decent and gives the crowd some entertainment. The book teaches students about perseverance and cause and effect situations.

I really liked this book. I think it teaches a great lesson about cause and effect situations that you can use during a bookclub discussion or as comprehension to the students. I also think it teaches about perseverance and not giving up when life gets tough. Her goal is to be seen at the event even if it is not playing kickball. I didn't like the poor grammar throughout the book even though it's how first graders sometimes talk. I think it can give readers the wrong impression about proper speaking and writing. What I do like about this book though is the funniness in Junie and her character. I think she does a great job portraying the life of a first grader and how life can be funny and that's okay! These are definitely a series of books I would keep on my shelf as a teacher because they are easy reads that are funny and can be easily comprehended.

Andromeda says

Note: This is a review of the entire series as a whole because I feel the same about each book.

Quite honestly, I think this should be one of the first chapter books you let your kids read. Sure, the grammar is a little off at times (it's a small child, come on!) and the subject matter can get a little crazy (Once again, it's a small child!) these books are entertaining and easy to read for your little readers! My cousin who is 6 LOVES these books, and when I was little I loved them too. Overall a cute and funny series for your beginning reader!

Amber says

I've only read a few Junie B books, but this one was my favorite so far.

Megan Farley says

Helen loved the funny voice of this first grader!

Hannah Delaughter says

Junie B. was very excited to get the star in the first grade kick ball tournament at her school. She was so excited that she decided that she would practice at home, but something went wrong. Junie B. kicked her ball over the fence and didn't have anything else to kick so she decided that she would kick her mom's watering can. This didn't work and she ended up hurting her toe. Mr. Scary, her teacher, found out and told Junie B. that it probably was best that she should stay out of the tournament, but be apart of the half-time show with Sheldon who hurt his head. Junie B. decided that she would juggle for the half time show and was trying to learn. Sheldon was so afraid so he ran off, so Junie B. decided that she would perform by herself and she was the star of the half-time show! The illustrations in this book were just enough so get the picture on how Junie B. felt along the way of the story.

I remember when I was in the second grade, I broke my arm in the summer and wasn't able to go swimming with any of my friends, but my mom came up with a good idea and put a plastic bag over my arm that way I was able to at least get in the shallow end of the pool with friends. This kind of reminds me of Junie B.'s situation because since she hurt herself and wasn't able to do anything fun with her friends, the teacher made accommodations for her that way she was still able to participate in a way.

I can apply this to my classroom simply by letting all of my students know that I can make any accommodations for them if they need them. I would probably read this to the class at the beginning of the year to get that point across to them that I am there for each one of them and that I will try to help them if they need it. A follow up activity would be asking them what kind of talent would they do during the half time show and see if we could put a talent show on in our very own classroom. This will give everyone the chance to show off and get to know their classmates.

The Lexile for this book is 380L and the guided reading is M. I would expect 3rd graders to start reading this book on their own, but any student young or old would most definitely enjoy this book.

Hannah Russell says

I like a nice, subtle moral.

Breanna DeAngelis says

I LOVE JUNIE B. JONES! I think the way she speaks her mind is great motivation for students to be themselves. The one man band book let me see into her life and know that she goes times of pain and struggle of trying new things. However, she kept trying and didn't quit which I think is a good lesson for students to pick up as they get older. This book's language is easy to comprehend and the occasional pictures help to keep the story moving.

Angie says

Another fun read-aloud with Keira. Many laugh out loud moments and signature Junie B. antics.

Marilyn says

Cute, interesting vocabulary

ClaudiaO34 says

This book is fun, just to remember my childhood. What I read back then, and after I went and started reading it again I notice that I missed so much

Tisha says

Junie B. tells it like it is. She has a strong personality. In this book she hurts her toe and isn't able to participate in the school kickball tournament. She has to perform a half-time show instead. This book is a fun read-aloud for elementary school aged kids.

Barbara says

Fiction

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Junie B. Jones is excited to play in the first grade kickball tournament until she hurts her toe practicing for the tournament. Junie decides that she wants to learn how to juggle for the half time show. Can she learn how to juggle in time?

This is most defiantly a book that is written for children. As an adult I find Junie to be self- centered and spoiled. Julie hurt her foot because she kicked her mother's watering can full of water. Her poor choice is directly related to why she cannot participate in the tournament. I find it highly annoying that all of the adults in her life are trying to bend over backwards to include her in the tournament. I am also disappointed by the conclusion of the book. Junie decides that she wants to learn to juggle but has a hard time learning how to juggle. Spoiler Alert: Even though she can only juggle two lemons the night before, she somehow manages to juggle three lemons during the half time show. Although she does practice before the show I don't like the message that things that are hard just magically happen.

Although I am not a fan of this book, I know that a lot of kids do love these books. This series is engaging for beginning readers which is why I choose it. This is the first book I have read in this series so I may have just chosen one that I did not like. Luckily it was a quick read. I honestly don't think I would use this book in my class for teaching, but it will probably be in my class library if a student chooses to read it.

Diane says

With a sore toe, Junie can't play in the kickball tourney, so she's 1/2 time show

Stephanie says

Junie B. Is adorable as ever when she signs up to be in the halftime show for the first grade kickball tournament. Originally, she was going to play in the tournament, but after a cow kicking accident, she is convinced to be in the halftime show with her friend, Sheldon. Junie B. Decides that she is going to juggle in the show, but she has to learn how first! I've always loved Junie B.'s wit and perseverance and this book was no different.

Brenna says

It was funny
