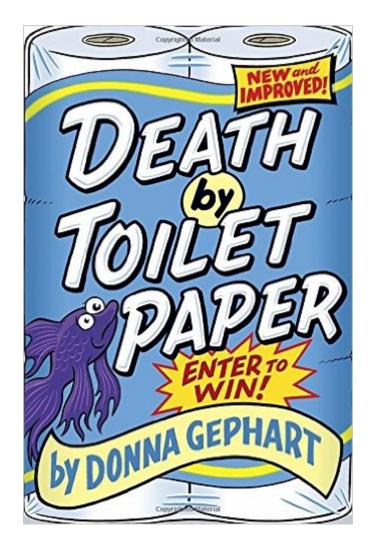
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Death By Toilet Paper





Synopsis

Fans of Louis Sachar will welcome the adventures of a contest-crazed seventh grader who uses his wits and way with words in hopes of winning a big cash prize to help his family avoid eviction. Benjamin is about to lose a whole lot more than good toilet paper. If he doesn't make tons of money fast by selling candy bars and winning contestsâ "like the Royal-T Bathroom Tissue slogan contestâ "his family will get kicked out of their apartment. Even with his flair for clever slogans, will Benjamin be able to win a cash prize large enough to keep a promise he made to his dad before he died? Or will he lose everything that matters to him? Praise for Death by Toilet Paper Â "Readers can't help but enjoy this heartening book about hanging in there."--Kirkus Reviews"Ben is a character kids will root for."--Publisher's Weekly "Would make a fine classroom readaloud."--The Bulletin Â

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 790L (What's this?) Hardcover: 272 pages Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers (August 5, 2014) Language: English ISBN-10: 0385743998 ISBN-13: 978-0385743990 Product Dimensions: 5.7 x 0.9 x 8.5 inches Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (28 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #730,314 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #183 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Difficult Discussions > Homelessness & Poverty #274 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Religious Fiction > Jewish #682 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Difficult Discussions > Death & Dying Age Range: 9 - 12 years Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

It is sometimes quite hard to leave characters in their stories once I close the covers of a book. I feel invested in their lives; I have celebrated their successes and have sympathized with their struggles. This feeling of warmth for believable, real characters is exactly what I feel for Benjamin, the protagonist in Donna Gephart's newest novel, Death by Toilet Paper.I became engaged in the life of

twelve year-old Benjamin. I didn't want him to worry about the rent his mom couldn't pay. I wanted to run to my bank, make a withdrawal, and send an anonymous envelope to the Epsteins that could solve their dilemma.I didn't want Benjamin to worry about the fact that his mom wasn't making enough money working at Piggy's Pancake House. I wanted to let my school know where they could hire a dependable, hard-working mother as a classroom or library aide.I didn't want Benjamin to fret about his grandfather's forgetfulness. I wanted to comfort Ben and tell him of my own grandmother's struggle with a similar absent-mindedness to put him at ease.That's what incredible books have. Authentic characters. Benjamin is an honest-to-goodness, down-to-earth, amazing-amazing-amazing kid. And I'll bet that every reader knows a kid just like Benjamin. That's why Death by Toilet Paper makes an excellent read.I can't wait to book talk Benjamin's story to my eighth graders. In addition to the realistic protagonist and the exciting plot, this book is humorous. There are many snort-worthy sections. I know the exact pages I will read to begin my book talk ... pages 81-83. If these pages can be read silently or aloud without a single chortle, perhaps the reader should check his/her pulse.

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