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It's a spring morning on Grandpa's farm and the grandkids are visiting. When his grandson reports that the cows have gotten loose, Grandpa calmly makes breakfast because he knows the kids are trying to play an April Fool's trick. Full color.

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The Brothers says

A grandpa who owns a farm cannot be ruffled when his grandchildren keep bursting in on his breakfast to tell him of the chaos ensuing with the animals. Grandpa knows it April Fool's Day and isn't about to be fooled. Only when Grandma comes down and tells him that April first is tomorrow does Grandpa react. (Grandma got him - April Fool!)

Great illustrations.

Carlye says

Summary:

Basically the grandkids come over on and try to trick their Grandpa by saying that the animals are doing crazy things. The grandpa just shrugs it off and keeps making breakfast because he thinks it's April Fools day and the grandkids are just trying to trick him. Then when the grandma comes down she asks what all the fuss is about. The Grandpa says don't mind the kids that they are just trying to prank him. Grandma then responds by saying April Fools day is tomorrow. The grandpa freaks out running outside. Was that only a prank by grandma or are all the animals actually causing trouble?

Reaction:

I thought the book was pretty funny. I wasn't expecting the ending so that was a pleasant surprise. I think that most children love to hear books about these pretty harmless pranks.

Emmaline MacBeath says

SUMMARY: Grandma is excited because the grandkids are coming over and it is April Fools Day. While Grandpa is fixing himself breakfast, brother and sister come in to tell him about one calamity after another happening out in the barnyard. Grandpa does not take them seriously because he assumes they are playing April fools jokes on him. But Grandma gets the last laugh.

ILLUSTRATIONS: The illustrations are brightly colored, lively and fun. There are funny little details here and there that are a delight to discover.

THE GOOD: This was a very cleverly told story. You think one thing is happening in the story and then find out in the end that something completely different is going on.

THE NOT AS GOOD: A note for vegans: As the children warn Grandpa about each animal problem, he makes a breakfast item coming from that animal (such as bacon while being warned about the pigs). Some of the irony and humor may go over the youngest children's heads.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: Age 4-7

Lenae Haley says

April Foolishness is about two grandkids coming to visit their grandparents who live on a farm on April Fools Day. The two grandkids came running in the house from outside to tell Grandpa that the cows were out. Grandpa ignored him and kept going on with his morning routine. Then the kids kept coming in time after time saying all of the animals were out and Grandpa still ignored the situation. Grandma finally came in kitchen asking about all of the noises and he told her nothing the kids were just trying to trick him. Read the book to find out if the kids were just teasing him or the animals just happened to actually be out.

I loved this book. It was short and very funny for kids.

This book could be read on April Fools Day. It is always good to have a book to read to the class relating to the holiday.

Joanna says

Silly!

Rosa Cline says

This was a super fun book to read! It's a combination of Grandparents sharing with grandkids and April Fool Day. The grandkids are all running around like crazy because things out on the farm are all crazy...animals out of the pens and things all weird but Grandpa is taking his time and making breakfast because he knows they are teasing him because it's April Fools Day. BUT when Grandma tells him April Fools Day is 'tomorrow' he jumps out and runs outside! The grandkids did 'get' Grandpa after all! Story and illustrations are great in this book!

Alice says

A fun April Fools adventure!! Not really my holiday but still a fun book!
Don't mess with Grandpa though... wink!

Cheryl says

Oh! So funny. Especially the twist at the end. Your grandchildren will love it. Not a necessary book or especially wise, but still recommended.

Juliana Lee says

The kids have come to visit the farm on April Fool's Day, but they can't trick old grandpa. He ignores their cries for help. As all the animals escape he continues to make his breakfast (using all farm animal products) until grandma tells him April Fool's Day is tomorrow. Grandpa races out to stop the animals while grandma and the kids have a good laugh at grandpa's expense, today is April Fool's Day!

Melissa says

We love the cleverness found in all Teresa Bateman's books. Anthony picked up on the correlation between the animals and the food right away. I didn't even notice.

Shannon says

This is a very cute story for April Fool's day. . . Or year round if you have a child who loves pranks! The Grandmother's trick at the end is delightful. I don't know if really young kids will catch onto this, but I also found it amusing how the Grandpa pulled out milk when he heard about the cows, eggs when he heard about the chicken, bacon for the pigs, and so on.

Jenna says

I would definitely use this story to show what April Fool's Day is about, but also show how we should not be mean while playing April Fool's jokes. Very engaging story about farm animals and grandparents, kids would get a laugh from the book.

Miss Pippi the Librarian says

Tricky and clever! Grandpa is making breakfast while his grandchildren tell him story after story about the farm running a muck. It's not until Grandma comes in that the truth is revealed.

A wonderfully dramatic story with a clever embellishments while making breakfast. The story is excellent as read aloud for a large group. In a smaller setting or one-on-one sharing, the readers can notice the clever illustrations and text about farm products while Grandpa makes breakfast.

Theme: grandparents

Additional themes: April Fools, farm, breakfast

Reviewed from a library copy.

Ally Lybbert says

Picture book

This is a cute April Fool's Day story about grandkids visiting their grandparents farm.

The illustrations are cute.

There is a rhyme

I don't know that there is much else I could do with this in the classroom though.

Joy Lane says

cute for April Fools, young grade school
