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It's report card day-the most dreaded day in Hank's school year. And when Hank gets his grades, they're his worst nightmare come true: a D in spelling, a D in reading, a D in math. After school, Hank and his friends go to his mom's deli. His mom is on the prowl-she knows a report card day when she sees one. Hank tries to stall her, but she's going for his backpack. He's cornered. Hank hands the report card off to his friend Frankie, who gives it to his friend Ashley, who gives it to Robert, who puts it into a meat grinder! Hank watches as his Ds are ground into a big salami, and this particular salami is being made for a very important client. How will Hank get out of this one?

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Steph says

Another cute witty tale that I read as a 30-something as a pure mindless escape and thoroughly enjoyed, although as a teacher it is nice to hear from the "underachiever's POV. There are lessons about honesty, family, and struggles to fit in. A great read aloud or family bedtime series.

Lamarr says

This book was fiction and a children literature which took place in New York .the main character is a 4th grade boy named hank who seem to be very bad at spelling. He has three friends named Ashley and Frankie. Hank take the spelling bee in school which he later that night study for with his mother. Hank for sure thought he knew how to spell all of the word and just got sent to the principal office were he didn't let him off smoothly like he usually does. Hank later then returned to the classroom where the teacher Mrs. Adolf was handing out report cards and every report card package looked the same instead hank report card was in a big brown manila envelop. so that when hank decided to go to the bathroom to check his report card he realized that he only had D's in every subject he had. so that when hank told his friends about his grades and told them that he would never show this to his mother just because of his bad grades and bad behavior in class. I got out of this that you always have to be honest in tough situations because whatever you hide in the dark will come into light someday when you don't want it to. what I liked about it was that the author stay genuine toward the character. whatever hank would say his actions would correlate henceforth the progression of the story. what I didn't like about the story was that the author would use whole chapter to list hanks do's and don'ts or what would would happen if he would have done this the author did this about twice in the story. I recommend this story to a student that are entering middle school because this totally fit them and what their mind might be at that point in time in their school career.

Marla says

I liked this book better than the first and I think I liked listening to it rather than reading it. I don't really enjoy the series but I might listen to one more to see if Hank gets help for his learning challenges.

Likes:

- * Hank Zipzer doesn't blame his friends or begrudge them their strengths
- * Ashley and Franky are good supportive friends, but they should stop some of his craziness
- * Papa Pete is the understanding supportive adult figure, but again he should be the voice of reason
- * Listening to Henry Winkler read the book was fun

(view spoiler)

Dislikes:

- * Book implies that learning challenges justify lying and answering back to teachers and accidentally destructing property
 - * Parents, teachers and principal are portrayed as impatient and unreasonable
 - * Robert the know it all is annoying
- (view spoiler)

Abandoned-series after 2 books

Brittany says

Really liked this book as well. Hank putting his report card where he did made me laugh because it sounds like something i would have done in middle school. There were a few parts in this one where i was laughing out loud again. On to the third one...

Another side note... not a huge fan of the character Nick McKelty but I guess we all know one like him.

Cheryl says

Note: my rating is *not* objective; it's a reflection of my personal taste. These books are easily four-star reads for many kids. Funny, comforting, fast-paced, with interesting setting & characters.

Apparently, at each point between books, progress is made, but there is no happily ever after. Like real life. At the end of the first, Hank and his parents are made aware of learning differences, and how difficulties in school are not necessarily due to laziness or attitude or stupidity. At the end of this, Dad finally consents to testing. I imagine the next book will address first attempts to find strategies that will help Hank....

I did enjoy these first two, and recommend that you read the series if you've reason to consider doing so. But I won't bother to continue, myself. Mainly because I get the sniffles every time Hank thinks of himself as a loser. Poor kid.

Diana says

As the book opens, Hank and his mom are studying for a spelling contest. (exactly what is the purpose of spelling bees?) He is having problems trying to "focus." Spelling tests can be difficult for some kids and spelling bees make it even worse. As Hank says, "Call me crazy, but I don't know how anyone can think spelling is even slightly fun, let alone great fun." Hank gets into trouble when he doesn't sit down after he missed a word. The principal tells him, "Following directions will get you where you need to be, no matter where you are." How do principals come up with this stuff !! That day report cards come out. Hank and his friends go to the deli his mom operates. She is trying to come up with a great soy recipe for salami for an important client. Through a series of events, Hank's report card ends up ground up in the salami. The salami gets taken to the important client and Hank goes to his house to stop the tasting. When he sees the salami, he

can see such words (on paper in the salami) as "sloppy," "fail," and "D in spelling."

There is a meeting with Hank's parents, Hank and the client. Hank explains the whole situation. The client tells the story of his daughter, who had learning problems, and her being tested and then with the proper help she was able to attend Columbia University. Hank's parents finally decide to have him tested. They didn't have him tested after the first suggestion as Hank's dad couldn't admit there was a problem. (sound like any man you know??) Tests prove Hank has some learning challenges and the school will help. Everyone learns in different ways (no kidding !!), the school will give Hank information in a variety of ways (including tapes) work on study skills and more time for tests. Hank's mom's client becomes a champion for Hank....and all kids need champions !

Steve Tetreault says

Although this is for a fourth grade-and-up audience, it's quite a nice story for young readers. It's set in New York, down at street level. It features a main character who is discovering he has some "learning challenges," which could be very helpful and engaging for students who may have some trouble in school.

Kaelyn Grant says

Wow, this kid, seems like a true person. I love the bits of gaining knowledge about learning challenges, and how imaginative a kid can be.

Jackie says

When Hank Zipzer gets almost all Ds on his report card inside of a big fat manila envelope addressed to his parents with an even bigger letter inside, Hank has to find a way to stop that letter from reaching his parents. Lucky he has his friends, Ashley, Frankie, and Robert along to help him solve his dilemma.

They all stop by his mom's deli, *The Crunchy Pickle* on their way home from school and somehow, somehow his report card, letter, and manila envelope and all get thrown into the meat grinder with his mom's new soy salami recipe rolling around in it! Oh no! That secret recipe is going to Mr. Gristediano in hopes of him trying it and placing a big order for his mom. They have to stop that delivery!

Well, things don't go as planned and Hank makes an even bigger mess....good thing Mr. Gristediano is understanding and notices something of himself in Hank. To make up for his 'goof', Mr. G insists that Hank be tested for learning difficulties. And, it turns out to be just about the best thing that's ever happened to him.

I Got a D in Salami is full of humor, but also teaches all of us a great lesson. Nearly one in five kids have some sort of learning difficulty or disability. This doesn't make them stupid or lazy, they just need to find the right way to learn. Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver do a great job giving confidence and self-esteem back to Hank Zipzer and it may even give some kid struggling with school some much needed confidence when they see themselves in the pages of this story.

Harry Roger Williams III says

Henry Winkler made me cry! I won't give a spoiler and tell you why, instead I'll give a teaser and say "Read this book to find out why the title is literally true!" Call me a sap, but I really did shed a tear before the end - let me know if you do too if you read this. It's a kids' book that is not just for kids.

I had a strong motivation to read it, as spelled out in the following email I sent "From one HW to another" via the film company that brought him to Quincy for Kevin Jame's comedy "Here Comes the Boom."

I wrote: "At the 2005 Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago I was part of a large and enthusiastic gathering - literally thousands of librarians - stirred to a standing ovation by Henry Winkler's Keynote Speech at the Closing Session of the conference. Mr. Winkler was a stunning and inspiring speaker about the value of public libraries and particularly the value of reaching out to, and "hooking" young readers who may not at first glance seem promising students. This tied in nicely with his series of novels for young people about Hank Zipzer: The World's Best Underachiever. This was the same convention where Barack Obama signed a copy of Dreams Of My Father 'To Harry The Librarian - Thanks for all you do.' Yet even that memory is less compelling than the sight and sounds of Henry Winkler advocating for causes that are dear to my heart. I would love to extend to Mr. Winkler an invitation for a personal tour of the Thomas Crane Public Library, considered a national architectural treasure even among non-librarians. We are right across the street! For selfish reasons of promoting the library I would love to have Mr. Winkler visit, and have it documented by the local media. However, should he not wish that to be part of his time here in Quincy, I would be equally happy to arrange for a discreet tour at his convenience that would avoid publicity and protect his peace and serenity."

So, while "sitting by the phone" (I'm still waiting) I decided to read some the first Hank Zipzer book. It was wonderful. Then this one, the one that I found so touching. I'll probably read more, even if the author never visits our library.

Chris says

This is the second Hank Zipzer book my son and I have read, and I've got to say Henry Winkler has found a wonderful formula for kids' stories. Hank has a pretty good life with is parents and sister in an apartment building in New York City. His mom runs a deli with her dad, Papa Pete. His dad loves to do crossword puzzles. And Hank has two best friends who live in the same building, Ashley and Frankie. Hank has just one problem: he has a lot of trouble in school. He finds it very hard to concentrate and even harder to remember what he's been trying to concentrate on. While it's a serious problem, Winkler and Olin milk it for great humor while all the time showing Hank's many other great qualities. In this story Hank is ashamed to show his parents the three Ds he got on his report card. In trying to hide the report card, it gets ground up into a batch of his mother's salami - salami intended for a very important customer. Now Hank and his friends have to figure out what to do. There are many laugh out loud moments in the story. The story also resolves with a serious look at why Hank is struggling in school and offers kids in similar circumstances a lot of hope that things can get better.

Niamh says

Hank Zipzer has trouble learning at school. That's why he got a D in spelling and most other subjects. He didn't want to show his parents his school report, so his best friends and they concocted a plan.

Unfortunately, Robert (the annoying third-grader who thought he was best friends with Hank, Frankie and Ashley) got involved in everything and to cut a long story short his school report ended up in the meat grinder of his mum's soy salami. He was later to find that his mum was sending that soy salami to Mr Gristediano (the owner of the giant supermarket that everybody shopped at) and his mum could earn up to 2 thousand pounds if Mr Gristediano likes it. How will Hank deal with this?

Janet says

A delightful and fun little read. I enjoyed it a lot.

Hank Zipzer has a difficult time focusing in class. (He is in the fourth grade) And even though he tried really hard to study for his spelling test. His teacher still gave him a "D", in fact she gave him a "D" in everything, reading, spelling and arithmetic.

Also today is report card day and to make matters worse. His teacher Ms. Adolf put his report card in a brown envelope with a letter for his parents to sign. What is a boy to do, but to get rid of it.

But how??

Jeff Grosser says

Another fun and witty learning adventure with Hank Zipzer!

Haelyn says

I think Hank just needs Emily to go away
