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This picture book has been canceled.

Wait.

How can we be on the front flap of a canceled book?

Good question.

Frankencrayon Details

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From Reader Review Frankencrayon for online ebook

Julie Kirchner says

Fun book to share with students especially around Halloween. Wonderful lesson in sometimes mistakes aren't so bad after all!

Great Books says

The crayons are back and are ready to tell the story of Frankencrayon. The roles have been cast, the pages are set but the picture book has been cancelled. Someone has scribbled on the page! The story can't go on! or can it. Reviewer 11

Mark Baker says

The crayon lead production of Frankenstein is all ready to go until the giant squiggle appears in the sky. Can they solve the problem, or will they have to cancel this book before we even get a chance to read it?

This is a delightfully funny picture book that parents will definitely appreciate. It breaks the fourth wall as the crayons tell us the story of why they can't tell us the story of Frankenstein. After things are resolved, we get a couple of fun and appropriate morals that don't lecture us. I'm not sure the very youngest of kids will understand all the jokes, but older picture book fans should get them with some help from their parents.

Read my full review at Carstairs Considers.

Vernon Area Public Library KIDS says

A fun play on books and stories, Hall presents the telling of Frankencrayon!!!--Oh, what's that? It's been cancelled? Oh dear. Pencil reveals the mystery behind the book's cancellation including a fun banter between the publisher and Pencil. A delightful turn of a story.

Reviewed by: Miss Kelsey, Youth Services, Vernon Area Public Library

Mary says

The crayons are unhappy because their picture book, Frankencrayon, has been cancelled even though the cast is ready with costumes and set. However, when a reader begins reading the book, the story of what happened is told. Much more playful than Hall's The Red Crayon, this is a fun read aloud with a pitch perfect ending.

Ryan Cinfel says

Opening Moves: Alert children to the unique features of the text, such as it's structure or narrator, and raise questions to spark curiosity

Script:

“We have a book today called Frankencrayon...Can you guess what it could be about?”

Student Responses

“I’ve read this before to a kindergarten class before. There is a specific reason they really enjoyed it. Is there anything that the author or illustrator did to make this a little different from other books?”

Student Responses

“I want to find the page I had this morning. So if we open up to this page here, we can tell there is something happening in the story. The author is up here.” Read the Page “Is it just the author telling the story? What is he doing?”

Student Responses

“He’s showing the characters and telling us how they are reacting to what is happening...We are trying to figure out what is going on, and how it related to this guy (the cover). The author is giving us info to make us want to figure it out. Our author is adding something about the book being cancelled. Do you think by doing this, the author is making you want to read the story?”

Student Responses

“Very good, it is raising a mystery. We are going to read to Frankencrayon to find out more about the scribble and what is happening behind the scenes.”

Magpie67 says

I'm definitely buying this book for my Halloween collection... It's just that awesome! All the crayon books are worthy to own. So here is a story that suddenly becomes cancelled because of a scribble. What a hoot!

Orange, green and purple are Frankencrayon and there is a cast of crayons playing the scared townspeople and a crew. Also there is the pencil, who is the narrator. I love the imagination!

Super fun ending! A must read for children and adults.

Nancy Kotkin says

Not the brilliance of Red: A Crayon's Story, but this interactive picture book still works on a number of levels - humorous, educational, and emotional. Like all Michael Hall's picture books, it is layered and can appeal to a variety of age groups. I especially appreciate the addition of the pencil as director/narrator in this one. Fun twist ending too. I really hope Michael Hall creates more of these anthropomorphic crayon books.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

What a great book! This is one book that you would WANT you children to scribble in (there is a lot of scribbling inside) so that you can keep it as a treasured memento of Halloweens past!

Amy says

Cute ending but very difficult to follow. What I thought would be an ideal book for my Kindergarteners, seems to have the potential of just confusing them. Expected more...didn't get it.

Andrew Dearborn says

Actually really funny!

Victoria says

I'm diggin' all these crayon picture book stories. Probably some psychological flashback to childhood memories of happy coloring? Nah, probably something more nefarious or demented.

Regardless, this is just plain fun and I'm sure kids will love the silliness. It starts with the bold declaration that the book has been canceled, find something else to read. But then Green declares, "Tell them about the scribble..." and the fun begins.

Clever, colorful. I so wish I could write my review in crayon...

Margaret Chind says

Originally posted on Creative Madness Mama. Frankencrayon has made his day!

When I see a new book from Michael Hall, I know a few things. I know that is going to be ridiculously silly and fun and full on educational. He definitely does not disappoint with his latest January 2016 release in *Frankencrayon*. These are the type of books that I love to give my preschool and primary grade level kiddos. I love to see their imaginations spark as they think, hmm, maybe I can do something like this! I truly enjoy how his plot line is interesting enough to entertain the adults, yet thrilling enough to tickle the fancy of any child. There are lots of emotions in this one, but fun to discuss and keep in check!

This review was originally posted on Creative Madness Mama.

Jeimy says

I love Michael Hall's book and this one is as hilarious and the rest of his books. The book was cancelled because of a scribble. When the crayons try to help, things spiral out of control.

Sarah says

a delightful little romp, replete with cleverness. Most notably, a shocking twist of an ending.
