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A new early chapter book series where adventure is always just around the corner.

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line, Branches. Aimed at 5-to-7-year-olds, this line of books is for children who are just starting to read independently. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow!

Meet Boris! He lives with his mom and dad in Hogg Bay. Their home is a van that once traveled all over the world. Then one morning, Boris feels a jolt. Could it be? Is the van really moving? Is Boris on an adventure at last?

But when Boris ends up on a trip to a wildlife refuge instead of the jungle safari he'd imagined, he ends up having an adventure he'll never forget. Because for this little warthog, life never quite turns out as he plans.

## **Boris on the Move Details**

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# From Reader Review Boris on the Move for online ebook

## Barbara says

Boris and his parents, once globetrotters, now settled down in Hogg Bay, have plenty of appeal for young readers. The book even starts out saying that Boris who is a warthog and the reader of the book have a lot in common. The simple plot revolves around his yearning for adventure, and when his parents take him for an outing, he finds plenty of it, even an orange cat. Maybe the moral of the story is that there is plenty of fun to be found in anyone's back yard. How many books for children featuring warthogs are out there?

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## Chris says

"Meet Boris," this book begins. "He's a lot like you." And he is. A young reader who enjoys normal things and who yearns for travel, adventure, and excitement. The yearning might be a little more pronounced for Boris since he knows his parents once traveled the world in their home, a van that has been converted to a permanent location for raising this little one. His parents see his desire and get the van mobile for the first time in his life. He's thrilled, until he realizes they are only going to the area nature preserve instead of the furthest wilds of Africa and Asia. Eventually, though, Boris begins to enjoy his adventure and realizes he's having a great time, just like his favorite literary adventurer, Captain Clive.

This is truly a hybrid reading experience, part picture book, part early reader, and part beginning chapter book. With its relatable theme and appealing format, it's a definite winner.

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## Yannick says

CATEGORIES/GENRES FOR THIS CLASS FULFILLED BY THIS BOOK:

Easy Reader/Picture Book

ESTIMATE OF GRADE LEVEL INTEREST:

K-3

ESTIMATE OF READING LEVEL:

1.6

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Boris wants to see the world, but when his parents only take him to a nearby park, he has to find adventure on his own.

IDENTIFY AT LEAST 2 CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS GENRE AND SUBGENRE AND DISCUSS HOW THEY APPEAR IN YOUR BOOK:

One characteristic of an Early Fluent reader book is that the books at this stage have more pages and longer sentences, as well as more text per page. This book definitely fulfills this by providing more text, which is divided by chapters. There is also less reliance on pictures, and none of the pictures in this book take up an entire page, they are all interspersed with text. One characteristic of a picture book is that the action moves

quickly. “Boris on the Move” provides swift action, where on one page Boris is wishing he could travel, and on the next page he is traveling, and on the subsequent page he has arrived at his destination. Composition is also a characteristic of a picture book and the way dialogue is within text bubbles like a comic book give children a sense that what they’re reading is just as fun and playful as a comic book.

#### IN WHAT WAYS AND HOW WELL DOES THE BOOK AS A WHOLE SERVE ITS INTENDED AUDIENCE?:

Children will love how the warthog is anthropomorphized and how his funny expressions, with his big circular eyes, squat body with skinny legs, and random hairs sprouting from his head add to the humor of the story. The book is also divided up into chapters, which for beginning readers will make them feel accomplished after they’ve finished it. In the back of the book there are directions on how to make a compass, and children may like the interactive feature of the book so that they can start to have their own adventure.

#### AWARDS IF ANY:

None

#### LINKS TO PUBLISHED REVIEWS FROM PROFESSIONAL SOURCES:

- Horn Book Magazine, 11/01/13
  - Kirkus Reviews starred, 04/01/13
  - Library Media Connection, 11/01/13
  - School Library Journal, 07/01/13
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#### **Debra says**

This is part of the transitional chapter books that Scholastic is presenting under the Branches imprint. This series is filled with fewer words on a page and plenty of wonderful illustrations plus a very lovable main character named Boris.

Boris is a young warthog very much like you, young reader. He dreams of adventure and has a map on the wall with thousands of pushpins marking the places he wants to visit. He lives in a large camper bus that his parents used to travel to many exotic places, but it is now just parked in one place. One day, after much urging, his parents start the bus and start driving. Boris is ecstatic until they only drive a short way to a nearby conservation area for a day full of fun, but not what Boris had anticipated. His expressions of disgust in the drawings are so real - I could see my children's faces in them when we would plan an adventure that did not meet their expectations. BUT he does have an adventure that does not turn out the way his books led him to believe they do.

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#### **Sean Harding says**

Called just Boris in the edition that I saw this is the first of a series about a warthog with the name Boris, as it would be because it is a common name in the warthog arena, that last sentence was purely made up by myself if you were unaware, but really if you are reading reviews about books about warthogs named Boris then you deserve made up facts. Well anyway some entertainment value too be had here, see how Boris goes from here, we'll be back Boris and not too far away either.

Oh and Happy Birthday Harmony :)

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## **Dolly says**

This is the first book in a series featuring a warthog named Boris by Andrew Joyner. We saw the first two books in this series on display at our local library, so we thought we'd check them out.

This is a fun tale and I love Boris's imagination. I can appreciate his desire to travel and see the world like his parents have. I can empathize with his frustration about not getting to travel far. And I loved the expressions on his face.

I've been watching the Tiny House Movement lately and I like the idea of living simply in a small house. Our own house is not tiny, but since it was built in 1965, it's fairly small. I don't know if I could live in a bus, but I applaud their efforts.

Overall, we enjoyed reading this book together. It's a combination of a chapter book and graphic novel and it's a fun, fast read.

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## **Christina Olson says**

Joyner, A. (2013). Boris on the Move (p. 80). Scholastic.

Boris on the Move is about a little warthog that lives with his parents. He dreams of doing bigger and better things with his life but one little jolt of his home, sends him off to the unspeakable.

1. Where does Boris live with his parents?
  2. The van they lived in once did what?
  3. If you had to go on an adventure with Boris, what would it be?
  4. What does Boris dream of doing?
  5. Does Boris' dream of traveling ever come true?
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## **Allison DeMeo says**

Personal Reaction: Funny book with great vocabulary for transitional readers. This book is shaped like a chapter book, so it appeals to the readers that they are improving with their reading. I see it as a first step chapter book for young kids.

Purpose:

Read Aloud- As a teacher I wouldn't read this out loud to the class because it is more of an independent read.

Independent Read- This is perfect for the young kids who are just starting to read on their own. It has more complex vocabulary than a plain picture book, but it also still has a lot of pictures to appeal to young children. It is a good book and relatable to all young kids. Boris is a funny character and kids will enjoy

reading about his life, while feeling more confident in reading these mini chapter books.

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### **Carol says**

Although Boris is a warthog, he is a lot like you. He has a favorite sweater, he likes to read and play sports. And he likes to dream. He dreams of having adventures, BIG adventures. He lives with his mom and dad in an old bus so one would think it would be easy to pick up and head out into the big wide world. But the bus is more of a house now and his parents don't seem to have a sense of adventure. Yet one day as he is reading a book and dreaming his usual dreams, the bus does something unusual, it moves. Boris' parents are finally heading out to seek adventure. It might only be a short drive from where they live, but adventure and excitement can still be found by those who look.

Scholastic Branches is a fun new imprint geared towards beginning chapter book readers. Boris' series is full of colorful pictures and simple text. There are elements of easy readers and even comic books which will make this an entertaining read for kids just branching out into beginning chapter books.

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### **Pinky says**

Very cute. Boris is a young boar who loves soccer and adventure. Great messages throughout of appreciating your life for what it is. I appreciate that the newer Branches books have discussion/reading comprehension questions at the end.

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### **Katie Fitzgerald says**

This review covers both Boris on the Move and Boris Gets a Lizard.

In Boris on the Move, readers learn that Boris, a warthog, and his parents live in a bus that used to travel the world, but now mostly stays in one place. Boris is an adventurous kid, and he longs to go somewhere exotic in the bus - maybe to Africa, or the Amazon jungle. His parents try to satisfy him by taking a local camping trip, but Boris is disappointed... until he gets lost in the woods and faces a wild animal all on his own!

In Boris Gets a Lizard, Boris is obsessed with komodo dragons. He talks about them in school and becomes convinced that the Hogg Bay zoo will let him borrow one for a short vacation. He mails a letter to the zoo and without waiting for a reply, invites all of his friends over to see the komodo dragon. When his friends show up, though, there is no komodo dragon and Boris has to do some quick thinking to keep them from finding out that the zoo couldn't send him one.

Like many kindergarteners and first graders, Boris is a curious and inquisitive kid. His interests are informed by the books he reads, as shown in the opening illustration of each book, and his parents are happily supportive of whatever his interests are, even if his teacher and classmates can sometimes grow weary of his obsessions. Boris is great at using his imagination, and though it sometimes carries him away, he also always learns something as a result of his imagined adventures. Kids who dream of their own adventures will find a kindred spirit in Boris, and they will learn how to have fun in their own backyards, even if they can't pack up and move to Africa or bring home dangerous lizards. I also think the image-heavy format of the book will draw in readers who have been accustomed to reading picture books but might not quite be ready for pages

and pages of uninterrupted text.

In some ways, Boris reminds me of Marc Brown's Arthur, but with more personality and at a slightly younger age. He's also a bit like Eugene from the Captain Awesome books, with the sweetness and innocence of Martin Bridge. Boris is a much-needed addition to the list of early chapter books that appeal to boys, and he is sure to appeal to preschoolers and kindergarteners who are ready for chapter books.

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### **Shelli says**

Boris books are perfect for students reading at a second grade level. When I was an elementary school librarian it was challenging to find books written at this level that make reading fun, Boris does this. If elementary schools and primary classrooms purchase the entire Boris series they will be rewarded with excited readers.

In this adventure Boris dreams of adventure and travel to far off exotic locations. He has never even been outside of his hometown of Hogg Bay. His parents decide to gas up the dusty old R.V. and have a family voyage... which was not the grand adventure that Boris had hoped it would be. What I loved about sharing this story with my daughter was that it reinforced something I had just spoken with her about this week: You can make any situation fun, or you can choose to be miserable. At first Boris was miserable and pouted and fussed. However, he eventually let go and enjoyed their mini-escapade.

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### **Dena (Batch of Books) says**

This is a fun early reader chapter book. Boris has dreams of traveling the world, but the farthest he gets is the neighboring park. The best part about this book are the illustrations. They add a lot of personality and humor to the story. I really like the fact that there is full color artwork on every page.

I read this with my five year old and she loved it. I didn't really see the need for the character introduction at the beginning of the story, but the rest of the book was pretty good. I would like to find more Boris books to read with my daughter.

This book is available in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle editions.

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### **Teresa Bateman says**

Scholastic clearly has a new series out--very early chapter books for transitional readers. It's called "Branches." This one is about a boar named Boris who realizes that he's never been anywhere, despite living in an old bus. His parents sense his need and start the bus up to go to a nearby Conservation Park. At first disappointed, Boris soon finds adventure in the wilderness, not to mention a cat. This is a gently humorous tale with plenty of illustrations, short chapters, and an enthusiastic main character. Kids should love it.

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**Sharon Buxton says**

B-. fiction, children's fiction, grade 1, anthropomorphic, warthog, series (Boris, #1)

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