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The sheriff and his deputy dog have been charged with a mission: to bring a dozen donuts home safely. All seems to be going well until the young sheriff peeks inside the box to check on the tasty treats. They're practically calling his name, and in the blink of an eye (and with just a few nibbles), a donut disappears! Wherever could that missing donut be? Luckily, this is one mystery the sheriff and his deputy are sure to bring to a close.

The Case of the Missing Donut Details

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Samantha says

A little boy (playing the part of Sheriff) takes his deputy (his dog) to the bakery to fetch a dozen donuts. His mission is to bring the dozen donuts home intact.

One the way home, the Sheriff stops to take a look at the donuts and notices one is smushed and needs a little even-ing up. One bite, two bites, three bites...gone!

As everyone eyes the Sheriff and inquires about his donuts he believes he must live in a town of mindreaders, but a look at his deputy and a glance in the mirror reveals the evidence written clearly across his face.

A funny read written in a fresh voice. Graphite illustrations were colored digitally. Great read aloud for PreK-2.

Gwen Ayler says

Storytime Theme: Donuts

Erin says

Sheriff (a little boy dressed up) and Deputy (his dog) go for a walk to the bakery to fetch a dozen donuts. Their mission: to bring all the donuts home safely and in one piece. But along the way one donut gets smooshed; then it's one bite here, one bite there, and ooops the whole thing is gone. As he continues to make his way home Sheriff can't figure out how everybody is on to him. He finally makes it home and tells the truth about the missing donut and the mystery is solved when he and Deputy look in the mirror.

I feel like this would have been an easy book to have too much going on, aka wordy, but Allison McGhee did an excellent job of telling a charming story paired with Isabel Roxas' illustrations. This would be a fun book to use for a donut storytime.

Cate Stephens says

I have used this book a couple of times for a doughnut themed preschool story time. The story is a little on the long side, but I usually make an exception because it is so cute. It's written in a very clever way and has a cute/funny ending. I like the illustrations and color palette that was used.

Hallie Jackson says

2.5 stars.

Jen says

This book is so cute!

Maren says

Cute illustrations and concept. A little too young for my two, but they did enjoy it. "He ate the donut! He has powder on his face!!"

Laura says

Personal response: I was attracted to this because it was about donuts. I have been loving donuts a lot lately. Donuts will always have a special place in my heart because I teach dance at a dance studio next to a donut shop. I also thought this book was funny and I loved the pair of the boy and his dog. The problem someone may have with this book is that it exacerbates the sheriff/policeman/donut stereotype. I do not find it offensive and it is very mild in this book, but someone else may have a problem with it.

Purposes:

1. Enrichment/Enjoyment read aloud for K-1st graders

-Kids will like this book because it is humorous

-Children can relate to a time when they were given a special responsibility. The class could give examples and talk about if it when well for them or not.

-This book could also be a good tool to talk about lying and how it is just better to confess like the sheriff did.

-I think kids would enjoy the suspense and mystery aspect of the book.

2. Curriculum

-You could use this book to talk about what you should do when a similar situation happens to you. The book kind of follows the boy's thought pattern in how he dealt with the situation. It would be good to talk about what the boy did wrong and what he did right.

-The term dramatic irony is probably too big for children in kindergarten or 1st grade to really understand, but this book could be a good, simple, introduction to that. Even if you do not use the term dramatic irony, you could talk about how the reader knows about the donut on the boy's face even though the boy does not figure it out until the end.

Brittany says

If this character was a little girl, this could totally be about my childhood (or my daughter). Donuts...YUM!

Melissa I says

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Written by Alison McGhee and Illustrated by Isabel Roxas

CAUGHT! GUILTY! With your hand right in the cookie jar or in this case the donut box! Have you ever been in a position where you were asked to bring something home without eating it? Maybe a bag of your Grandma's favorite cookies, dinner from your favorite restaurant, brownies from your Mom's house, bagels from your favorite coffee shop, or a box of warm donuts from the local donut shop? Well, more often than not, we talk ourselves into thinking that eating just a little bit will be okay! This young boy in the case by Alison McGhee struggled with this same predicament. However, he and his dog had an added responsibility in the town that made the situation a little bit more interesting.

Find out what happens in The Case of the Missing Donut! I can guarantee that you and other readers of all ages will be able to relate to this story about human nature and will find it an excellent read! CASE CLOSED!

Additional Resources:

<http://www.clcd.com.prox.lib.ncsu.edu...> - listing of awards and book summaries

<http://www.alisonmcghee.com/> - author's website

Emyrose8 says

Cute! The illustrations are adorable. And it's a good lesson in telling the truth. Reminds me a little of Nanette's Baguette.

Karen says

This book is an adorably-illustrated gently-told tale. The mystery wasn't at all hard to work out. Except maybe for the protagonist.

Katie says

Really cute. I am going to use it for my 'food' story time!

Raina says

This book made me laugh! (Who can resist the call of donuts ...) I love this fun story about a boy taking his jobs of both sheriff and donut carrier quite seriously. Great for any kid who takes tasks very seriously (but who also can't help being a kid).

Melanie, Aaron, Annie, and Mary Project says

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By Alison McGhee

Illustrations By Isabel Roxas

Grade Levels: App. 1-3

DRA/Lexile Measure/GLE: n/a

Reviewed By Aaron Carter

The young boy (Sheriff) and his dog (Deputy) were tasked with purchasing a dozen donuts and ensuring their safe arrival home; however, the jostling the donuts, combined with his vivid imagination, force the Sheriff to open the box, at which point he discovers that one is smushed. Attempting to "even it up," the child ends up eating the donut, and along his journey home those people passing by him ask about the donut, though he doesn't understand how they know about the missing donut. At home, his parents discover the missing donut and, when asked how they knew, they tell Sheriff and Deputy to look at each other. Powdered sugar and sprinkles on their mouths are evidence to the obvious. Overall, this is a fun read with simple sentences and easy-to-understand words. The illustrations are well done and contribute nicely to the storyline.
