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Get ready for the second invasion of *Little Miss* and *Little Mr. Men*! That's right - those zany, pint-sized characters are back. Easy enough for young readers and witty enough for adults! Mr. Bump stumbles upon the perfect job!

Mr. Bump Details

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Jordan Rawlins says

So I recently went to an art show at the Iam8bit gallery in LA, the whole show was dedicated to the Mr. Men, Little Miss, collection. The art was great, but even better, they had the whole collection of these books for sale. While scanning over these books that I hadn't read in a decade, I immediately was drawn to "Mr. Bump". I knew it was my childhood favorite, but wasn't sure why. So I bought it and re-read it. What an amazing book. Simple. Short, but for some reason, super appealing. I love the character design. And, like many of my favorite books from childhood, slightly melancholy. I'm a strong believer that kids entertainment should have sad elements, because as a kid I really liked that. I don't know why, I just did. Probably too much Gene Wilder exposure. In any case, this book, and the whole series are super fun to go back and enjoy, I recommend it.

James says

This was a re-read.

Wayne Farmer says

My favourite Mr. Man when i was a child - i even had a soft toy with removable bandages that i loved!

Joey Woolfardis says

The difference in how good these books are is kind of insane. This one was just, hmm, alright.

Curtis Senior says

MR Bump always bumps into everything.

Hilary says

I'm finding some of the punctuation a little annoying, but the stories are a lovely combination of wacky and encouraging.

Jules says

My 6 year old niece says Mr. Bump hurts himself every day and it makes her feel sad. He's very kind though, as he was cheering Little Miss Hug up on the TV today.

Baby Adam says

Mr. Bump is lots of fun, and gets stumblid all of the time, just like a big silly goslie I know. ;)

It was lots of fun reading through Mr. Bump with Lance! <3

Liz says

The best of the Mr Men series in my opinion. Mr Bump was a huge hit with me, I was a clumsy kid and I felt his pain! My kids both loved this book too. Full of belly laughs - great fun!

Godzilla says

Another twisted Mr Men tale, innocent on the surface, but with a menacing subtext.

I think we all know someone like Mr Bump - an accident prone disaster waiting to happen. Sometimes their misfortunes can be amusing, as Mr Bump's ladder incident proves: my kids thought it was hilarious.

However the exploitation of minorities is not to be lauded or laughed at. Mr bump is hounded from job to job due to simple mistakes in most cases. A reasonable boss would cut him some slack and provide further on the job training. Would we find gang masters rounding up illegal immigrants to work at picking apples from Mr Farmer's orchard? I think not.

James says

So simple, so much fun, such lovely illustrations - timeless.

Rob Towner says

Yes, I read all of these as a kid. I'll be here all day folks

Shirley Revill says

Loved the Mr men series by Roger Hargreaves. Was always a pleasure to read these books with my children.

Lance says

"If there was something for Mr. Bump to bump into, he's bump into it all right."

Dyspraxic hero, Mr. Bump, can't help getting himself into accidents. I can't believe this charming children's book is not almost 40 years old, I really enjoyed the original illustrations where the author's pen marks are visible in his lovingly shaped creations.

I enjoyed the author's whimsical style. The world is brilliant, so rounded, cushioned, and absurd. For instance. *"One day when he was quietly walking along the beach minding his own business he got his foot stuck in a bucket, and as he couldn't get it off he had to walk around with it on his foot for hours."* I mean, how does he get unstuck? Does he just keep walking until his foot shrivels up from dehydration and the bucket falls off? Did he even try greasing it? As a child, I loved the unreasonableness of the Mister Men. They get up to antics even a toddler could see coming. As a Baby Stumbles myself (and a fan of the colour blue), Mr. Bump was one of my favourites. And still a cult figure today.

I will definitely be reading this one to my own children one day!

Paul says

Poor Mr Bump!

Calista says

Mr. Bump is accident prone. He has so much in common with my nephew. The boy is a walking accident. He is not present and does not pay attention to his surroundings, just like Mr. Bump. So, I have started calling him Mr. Bump.

The nephew loves these books. This was a fun little book and his first ones were just great. This book is older than me and still around and entertaining people so I have hope for myself.

Cheers

Amy.... says

this book is about mr bump and he bumps into eveyrthing.
its a good book cause it relates to alot of people.

Siobhan says

Ah, Mr Men and Little Miss, how wonderful you are!

These books made up so much of my childhood. No matter what I would go ahead and pick one up. I worked my way through them all a couple of times. Each one has a wonderful story for the child to engage with, each character being fun to read.

Everyone has a bias for their favourite character, yet every book is delightful.

Jace says

The first book I ever read classic

David Sarkies says

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It has been a little while since I have read a Mr Men book so I decided that it would be time to rectify that situation. Well, since they are such short books getting time to read them isn't a problem, it more has to do with getting time to write a review on them afterwards. Also, I'm not too keen on flooding people's Goodreads feed with reviews of Mr Men books (though it isn't as if there is an unlimited number of them), so I've decided to try and space them out a bit, or I happen to be somewhere that isn't my study so I can write a review on a book that doesn't take too long to read (I just hope I remember to take some with me the next time I go traveling).

Mr Bump is a little clumsy. Well, probably not clumsy in the sense that he keeps on dropping things but rather that his co-ordination is a little off – he keeps on bumping into things, tripping up, and causing things to smash. For instance, when he tries to fix something on his roof (which from the getgo sounds like an incredibly bad idea) he ends up breaking a bunch of windows (which means that he has then got to go around and look for the means of repairing them without actually breaking anything else).

As it turns out, the story is about how Mr Bump tries to find his place in society. The problem with being the way he is is that there are lots of jobs he can't do. For instance he tries being a bus conductor but he falls off, the bus disappears, and all of the passengers get a free ride. So he does what any self-respecting person does in this situation – he goes on a holiday to find himself. Well, that doesn't seem to work out, but he does end up with suitable job in the end, so everybody is happy.

I still don't know how he ended up getting those windows repaired (or why he didn't fall off the roof when he was repairing the chimney).

