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Now in paperback--the brilliant new chapter book series debut from the bestselling author of the Artemis Fowl series that takes readers on an unforgettable trip through the world of a kindly librarian with a secret. Illustrations.

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Phil Leader says

I read this book to my sons when they were of an age to appreciate it. We all enjoyed it, especially as we all made a weekly pilgrimage to the local library on a Saturday to swap our read books for fresh reads.

Colfer takes a classic tale of the plucky heroes pitted against an evil villain (in this case the titular librarian) and had a great deal of fun with it. It is an easy read, funny and engaging and enough jokes aimed at younger children and adults for it not to be a chore for parents to read. And of course a great introduction to the author.

Emilie says

Funny and consequently great for young and, in particular, reluctant readers. Without being too obvious it has a couple of good lessons: reading is fun and people are not always what they seem. This is one that I would read with my children.

Kirjapallo says

Voi että, tämä oli parempi kuin muistinkaan! Aivan mahtava! Toivoisin vaan, että meidänkin kirjastossa olisi tuon ikäisille (8-10 v.) jännittäviä lukukirjoja taistelevista jättiläisistä sun muista perinteisistä aiheista... Tuntuu, että tuollaiset tarinat on enimmäkseen piilotettu paksuihin satukirjoihin ja kansanrunoushyllyyn...
ó_ò Kuka kirjoittaisi kansantarinoista kuvitettuja, helppolukuisia lukukirjoja?

Coleen says

Summertime, and what better time is there to spend in the library enjoying reading? Two brothers, Will and Marty, find out the hard way when their Mother decrees that they will be dropped at the library on her way uptown, and she will return for them up later after she picks up their father from work. These two boys are the oldest of five boys, so Mom still has the other three younger ones with her. Thus explains the summer library - soon to be regular - trips.

The librarian's fame, Spud Murphy, is a legendary terror for those who dare to enter the library. Quickly upon entering, the boys are dictated the rules by Spud. They are warned that they better not break any of them!

Truly a delight, this is a younger children's book with cute illustrations.

Erin says

A quick read. This book was recommended to me by a wonderful new fifth grade teacher in our school. She shares it with her class to break the ice at the beginning of the year. I had no idea it was about a librarian when I began. It is a clever story with fun characters and a great message about books.

Fits my 2016 reading challenge:

#10 - a book somebody loaned me

#11 - a book about a librarian

Paul Greer says

The Legend of Spud Murphy is about a young boy, Will, and his four brothers. Will and his brother Martin, being the elder brothers, are blamed for the mischief and noise within the house during a long boring summer holiday. Their parents think it best to get them out of the house and decide upon an educational based pursuit for the remainder of the holidays, deciding that they should attend the library each day. As with all young imaginations, the boys know that the library is inhabited by the terrifying and legendary 'Spud Murphy' the elderly librarian whose favourite hobby is to shoot noisy and naughty children with her hidden spud gun, so are initially apprehensive about their sentence.

The story develops very quickly and is full of humour, both physical and verbal (with some great banter between the brothers). Although based in a library, there is an element of adventure for the young members, and we see their desire to cause mischief change into a desire for reading. There is an underlying message that books and libraries offer escape into the imagination, and that judging people from rumour and hearsay usually results in false perception, as Spud Murphy turns out to be a caring and friendly woman. At around 90 pages long, the book has great illustrations to break up the text, but will be quite demanding for very young readers who may have shorter attention spans. Overall I found the book an excellent, fun read and would definitely recommend for children over the age of 8-9.

Cyndi says

Read this book with grandson. Great, fun book. Kids would love it!

Jean says

This should be required reading for all children's librarians. What a hoot.

Rachael says

My first Eoin Colfer book, recommended to me by my little library friend. Very funny book about Libraries

and Librarians. Even better when the recommender whispers to you "and she stamped his arm with a I Love Barbies stamp" :)

Kristin says

I adore Eoin Colfer, Artemis is one of my favorite characters as of late. This is a much easier read and more appropriate for young readers than Artemis, yet Colfer's wit is still spot on. This is a great young reader book. My 2nd graders LOVED it! At least three of my kids borrowed this book (or got their parents to buy it) after we read it, they wanted to read it over and over.

Gaby says

Hilarious. Such a fun book - there were moments when I could not stop laughing, I'd read parts to my partner and we'd both be in stitches. Plus, it's a book about a cranky librarian... What could be more enjoyable?

Kaye says

As an elementary school librarian how could I not love a book about a scary librarian. Very fun tale of two brothers who get sent to the library to for an educational summer activity. Spud Murphy is a no nonsense librarian rumored to have a spud gun (hence the name). Read to 2nd and 3rd graders who more then once laughed out loud at the exploits.

Margot says

Rating: ★★★★★? (3.5 stars)

Eoin Colfer is one of my fave authors, couldn't help myself.

Great book for kids! :)

A.D. Mercer says

When Will and Marty, the two oldest boys of five, are sent off to the library it seems their worst fears are realised when they first encounter the dreaded librarian. Mrs Murphy seems to be the epitome of the crusty, scary, aloof 'boss of the books', and, initially at least, it appears that everything is true, she really hates children.

Both Marty and Will knew of the spud gun, hence Mrs Murphy's nick name 'Spud Murphy', and were already convinced of its existence even before they'd met the head librarian. However things begin to change

and the boys discover spending the summer hours in the library may not be as bad as they thought. 'The Legend of Spud Murphy' is a short yet engaging read. Eoin's ability to write as if he actually is a young boy really allows the reader to image they're really there, a young lad 'trapped' in the library. Tony Ross's simply yet effective art throughout the book adds to the humour and quality of the story. This book would be ideal as an introduction to libraries and dispel the myth that they are dusty, old and increasingly irrelevant in our modern technological age.

Kathy Maggiacomo says

I'm not sure if it's just because I am a librarian but I found this book really funny. 5 boys under the age of 11 in one family. I love that the 3 youngest are thought of as angels by the parents. How many of us have had the annoying little brother that gets away with everything? Marty and Will are the 2 oldest and the mom decides that a few hours at the library would be good for them. Then we meet Spud Murphy, she has a real first name but let's not get ahead of ourselves. The boys are given pink library card and made to stay on the carpet in the children's section and to their surprise they enjoy reading. Silly things happen as they try to sneak books and Spud Murphy is known for being tough and what if they are caught??
