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On a scale of one to ten, sixth-grader Danvers Blickensderfer's life is a solid minus two. But he really hits rock bottom when he auditions for the local talent show: his death-defying hula-hooping-ninja tribute to Gonzo the Great is beat out by the world's most obnoxious middle school boy band, Emo Shun.

With his daredevil dreams dashed, Danvers goes to bed... and wakes up feeling a little fuzzy-literally! He's turned into a Muppet!

Fortunately, there's an internship open at the Muppet Theater and Danvers has a chance to meet his long-nosed, stunt-lovin' hero! All aboard The Electric Mayhem bus as this misfit makes good and joins the zaniest crew ever: The Muppets!

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Terry says

Young Reader Reaction: We would periodically hear giggling from our daughter's bedroom. She loves Statler, Waldorf, and their corny jokes.

Adult Reader Reaction: The story is clever and fun for a while. The humor and wordplay is very much like watching a Muppet movie, but it seemed to get stale about halfway through. In our copy, there were pages with very faint images and text. Hopefully that is just a printer error, because otherwise it is really annoying and hard to read.

Pros: Clever wordplay, plenty of physical humor, and everyone's favorite Muppets come together in this stylized middle grade novel. The book is part story, party graphic novel.

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Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says

Growing up a Muppets fans, I adored this book and it's one my son enjoyed just as much as I did. Scroggs does a great job at staying true to the humor and misadventures that the Muppets are known for. I thought it was really creative in the way the story is told, which is through a kid name Danvers who wakes up one morning to find himself now a Muppet. Not only do readers get a behind the scenes glance of all that goes in the Muppet's world, but it was really cool to see how a huge fan of the Muppet's himself tries to adjust being one now.

The story is told in an engaging way with plenty of humor, mixed in with illustrations and words that were a bit similar to the way Diary of a Wimpy Kid is written. I think this style of story telling is great for reluctant readers or kids who easily get bored with a bunch of text. Within the illustrations are some hilarious jokes and mis adventures that happen with the Muppets. I loved that a lot of my favorite Muppets are featured in this story, as well as some new ones that fit in perfectly with Danvers. Scroggs does a fabulous job at introducing a new generation to all of the Muppets from the original show with Kermit, Miss Piggy, Scooter, Gonzo, Animal and the Electric Mayham Band, Beaker and Dr. Bunson Honeydew (who try to unsuccessfully return Danvers back to being a human), Sam the Eagle, Rowlf, and Fozzie. This story wouldn't be complete the famous duo of Statler, Waldorf who are of course constantly poking fun at everything that goes on and start heckling Danvers from the moment he becomes a Muppet.

This story is written in a way I'd expect a Muppets book to be written. There's plenty of laugh out loud moments, jokes and puns that both tween readers as well as their parents will get a good laugh at. If you ever wondered what it would be like to be apart of The Muppets world, you'll know after reading Danver's story. I liked that Scroggs was able to create a story that takes place in both The Muppet and Danver's world and combines the two of them. It definitely makes for an interesting read. There's a few things that weren't tied up at the end that leaves me wondering if they'll be a sequel. Even if there's not, this is still a book I'd recommend picking up. I enjoyed the story line, the world Danver's is now a part of and the illustrations are fabulous.

Marsh&Emiline says

We reviewed this book for our blog! Please visit us at: <http://amonsteratemybookreport.blogspot.com>...

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By Kirk Scroggs

Book Report by Emiline

Tales of a Sixth Grade Muppet was one of my favorites because I love the Muppets. Animal is my favorite Muppet because he is crazy good on the drums. Speaking of Animal, he wasn't in Tales of a Sixth Grade Muppet that much. It really bummed me out. But the book really isn't about me so I guess I have no room to talk because Danvers, the main character from the book, has his own favorite Muppet—The Great Gonzo. Danvers is the biggest Gonzo fan you could ever imagine.

One night, Danvers is dreaming about how great Gonzo is and then a green flash suddenly appears. Kermit is there, so is Scooter and all the other Muppets. When Danvers wakes up from his dream he realizes he's an orange Muppet with mop-like hair. He goes to a special school just for Muppets where he meets Bunson Honeydew. Dr. Honeydew thinks he has a cure. Will Danvers turn back into a boy? Find out in Tales of a Sixth Grade Muppet.

I liked this book because the Muppets are my favorite TV show. They entertain me. They do crazy stunts and they admit The Muppet Show is a show—or if they are doing a movie, they admit it is a movie. I don't like people faking it and thinking they are not in a show. The Muppets don't do that. They even do a theme song that says, "It's time to meet the Muppets on the Muppet Show Tonight." Keyword: show. They also don't fake like they're not in a book in the book. (But I don't really mind if people fake it in books.)

My favorite part of Tales of a Sixth Grade Muppet was when Danvers met Gonzo doing a crazy toothpaste commercial. That really sent a funny vibe to my head. I hope you like this book, too.

I give Tales of a Sixth-Grade Muppet 5 Monsters!

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Book Report by Marsh

One day Danvers woke up. There was a green flash. Suddenly . . . He was a Muppet. He went to Dr. Honeydew's lab in Eagle Talon Academy. He wanted to see if there was a cure. They said they would try to do what they could to find a cure. As he was walking down the hall he noticed a sign for an after school internship with the Muppets. To get this internship he would have to write a 2 page essay on his favorite Muppet. For a second Danvers was stunned because he wanted to be Gonzo's assistant (Gonzo was his idol). He thought he could just reuse an old essay he did for class. Then he noticed that it was due 2 days ago. He was devastated. But fortunately his evil sister, Chloe, wrote a letter to the Muppets trying to get him in, but it had a catch—she got to put up all her posters in place of his gonzo posters. Kermit sent Danvers a letter...Danvers was the new assistant to Gonzo!

Find out the rest in Tales of a Sixth-Grade Muppet.

I thought this was a great book. It had lots of humor and action. My favorite part was when they were driving through the pothole. It was funny because Animal was screaming and yelling pothole repeatedly. My favorite character was Animal because of how he always yells things when gets excited.

Tammy says

I so wanted to love this book, but--some hilarious lines aside--it just tries too hard. It's something I would have written in the fifth grade, but, unlike Origami Yoda and Wimpy Kid, it doesn't come near the level of books designed to appear to be written by fifth graders but that actually achieve something fifth graders can't. How do I explain this? Instead of having a kid wake up as a muppet in a world in which muppets are acknowledged to be the fantasy creation of Jim Henson, Scroggs sets his real world in a place where muppets are real, but the scenes from the Muppet Show are merely television scenes played by muppets as actors. When your baseline is a world in which Miss Piggy can show up at your school, inexplicably transforming into a muppet loses some of its magic. When I was ten, I would have written this story exactly the same way, but ten year-olds don't read their fellows' books as much as they read experienced authors who take on the voices of their fellows.

Peyton says

It's about time for a sensational, inspirational, celebrational, Muppetational kids' chapter book! With fun drawings, a hilarious story, and all of my favorite Muppets (or at least most of them) how could I not enjoy this book? When I was in the sixth grade, I would have loved to have woken up to discover I had been transformed into a Muppet (come to think of it, that'd be pretty cool even now). I guess reading about it is the second-best thing.

One thing that I didn't appreciate was all the naked references to other Disney properties. Everything from Pixar to *Phineas and Ferb* to *The Little Mermaid* got a plug, making this book seem less like an organic story and more like a calculated product. I suppose it's no big deal, but I wish Disney would just let the Muppets be the Muppets rather than make them shill for the company.

But don't let that keep you from sharing this one with your kids (or reading it yourself). It's still a fun book, great for reluctant readers and fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Michael Jones says

A cute Muppet-infused story in the style of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, except not quite as clever. The Muppets in the book are more "Muppet Show" than "Muppet Movie" - there's not particularly a lot to them. They're wacky, as expected, but part of the charm of the Muppets is that in the movies they began to have distinct personalities and back stories, and they seem very one-dimensional in this novel. There should be plenty of room in a novel for them to be a little more well-rounded. I realize this is the first book in a series, and it's quite possible that the author was mainly trying to fit in as many Muppets as he could and didn't have space

for better characterization, but I was a bit disappointed anyway.

However, I'm not a kid in the target demographic. My 12-year-old son is, and he DEVOURED this book. I haven't told him yet that a sequel is in the works!

Erik This Kid Reviews Books says

Danvers Blickensderfer loved Gonzo The Great from the Muppets. He was always trying to do dangerous and wacky stunts just like Gonzo. In fact, he loves gonzo so much he wished he could be just like Gonzo. Well, he got his wish. When he woke up the next day, he ACTUALLY BECAME a Muppet! His skin was orange and felty, he had a purple nose, his hair was too yellow and he was a bit too skinny. This was NOT what Danvers wanted! How was he going to survive going to school as a Muppet?!? It was all made better because he actually got a job helping out Gonzo The Great on The Muppet Show! Danvers gets to meet all the Muppets and really likes his job, but he still feels he doesn't fit in with other kids. Dr. Honeydew gives Danvers the choice to change back to a human. Will Danvers choose to or will it go all wrong...(**hint** it goes all wrong!)?

This book was SUPER funny! I thought the story was very unique (and it helps that I really like the Muppets). There are illustrations all throughout the book and they helped me visualize what was going on in the story. Like when Beaker had to hold up Bunsen Honeydew over his head while he was on ice -THAT was a really funny picture! The book would be great even without all the humor and illustrations because I thought the story was good and it kept me interested. I think the book is also good for young readers because it doesn't have any inappropriate things in it.

Max says

GREAT!

Rachel says

I found this in the new children's book section and just had to get it. Anyone who knows me, knows I am a huge Muppet fan. So anything new of theirs I try to get my hands on (even though I was kind of mad that the Jim Henson Company sold the Muppets to Disney, but I will admit that they have done really well with bringing them back). The book reminded me of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and "Origami Yoda" with the large amount of illustrations along with a chapter book story, that made it almost seem like a graphic novel. This is the first book in a series about a young daredevil named Danvers who tries his best to emulate his hero, the Great Gonzo, with the help of his best friend Pasquale. One day, Danvers wakes up to discover that he has become a Muppet himself, down to the flip-top head and orange felt-covered body. Suddenly all the Muppet characters he watched movies or shows about are suddenly popping to life in his town. He ends up interning for Gonzo at Muppet Theater and joining a Muppet boy band named Mon Swoon as part of Gonzo's stunt act. Meanwhile, Danver's scheming evil younger sister Chloe is trying to sell his story and make some money off of it. Check out this book to see if Danver ever turns back to a human and what really happened at

the Ice Festival with Mon Swoon and Gonzo.

Overall, I thought it was a pretty good first book, though as another reviewer pointed out, it seemed as though they were just trying to fit in as many Muppets as possible without really developing their individual stories (which is disappointing). I would be interested to see what happens in the further adventures of Danvers in the next three books that the author/illustrator has created. Recommended for ages 9-13, 4 stars.

Lori Twichell says

I'm a die-hard Muppet fan. I have been since I was a kid and that has never changed. In fact when I was in college, I was interviewed by a national news magazine about the fact that I was 20 years old and had parties in my room to watch the new Muppet show. So when I was asked if I wanted to review this book, the decision was a no brainer.

Danvers Blickensderfer is a great character. He knows he's not cool and he knows what his issues are, but like many tweens and middle schoolers, he doesn't always know how to increase the cool quotient. Ideas that are great on paper (or in a middle schooler's mind) don't turn out well and he doesn't always make the right choices. Haven't we all had those moments? This makes Danvers someone that kids can relate to – even when he wakes up a Muppet. And trust me, that's hard to do.

The story moves quickly and at a steady enough clip that it's easy to keep up with and it engages your attention. I have three kids who have read this book all the way through and in my house, that's a miracle. Two of my kids are not readers or need a lot of encouragement to pick up a book. Both of them loved this. The third kid even went so far as to write a book report on it complete with illustrations that were surprisingly accurate.

Though there were moments in the book that I knew the humor was for mom and dad as opposed to the young reader, it wasn't out of line or anything inappropriate. Long story short, my kids and I enjoyed this book and would recommend it for any young reader who is a Muppet fan.

*Review copy provided by publisher. Thank you!

Quinn Rollins says

My fourth grade son loves the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. And truthfully, so do I. The adventures of a middle schooler who's kind of a loser, told through simple text and cartoony illustrations is a good, fast read, and it gives enough insight into how much Greg Heffley's life really sucks to remind us all that being young isn't all it's cracked up to be. That series has inspired a lot of imitators that I've ignored, but finally there's one that spoke to me--Kirk Scroggs' Tales of a Sixth Grade Muppet.

Released the month before the new movie The Muppets is being released to theaters, it's a book with a similar format to the Wimpy Kid books, but with a different goal--to help kids my son's age learn their Muppets. As a merchandise tie-in, that's always going to be the goal, but it looks like this will be an ongoing series, with the second book scheduled for next spring.

The plot is centered on Danvers Blickensderfer, a sixth-grader who's obsessed with the Muppets. His favorite is Gonzo, and he models his school projects and his personal life on the stuntman weirdo. He wears Gonzo t-shirts, he sets up elaborate stunts to enter school talent contests, and he would do anything to meet the Muppets someday. I've been that kid, and if you thought it wasn't easy bein' green--it's even less easy being a Mupphile.

Danvers has a dream one night where he's bathed in weird green light, and he wakes up the next morning...a Muppet. He's got spindly, foamy arms and legs, flyaway feathery yellow hair, and a removable round red nose. It doesn't ever explain who his puppeteer would be, but that's alright. Danvers is a Muppet. He ends up on a quest to find out how this transformation took place, and in on this quest, meets his heroes in the flesh--er--foam. Felt. Fleece. Flocking. All those crafty F-words. He meets Kermit the Frog, and Miss Piggy, and Fozzie Bear, and even the Great Gonzo. He's starstruck at first, but soon starts to fit in with them. He's pretty much uninjurable, he starts making horrible (and wonderful) puns, and he breaks into song at random moments. He's a Muppet, alright.

There are other Muppets too, and Danvers needs to get help from most of them at one point or another to piece together the mystery of what happened to him, and how to reverse it--if he wants to. So he visits Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and his assistant Beaker, meets Sam Eagle, gets diagnosed by Dr. Bob (Rowlf) and Nurses Janice and Piggy, and helps his friends escape from the Swedish Chef. Every few pages, Statler and Waldorf show up to heckle Danvers and the other Muppets. As a lifelong Muppet fan, I was excited to see some of the more obscure characters thrown in--Danvers isn't just chilling with Kermit and Miss Piggy, but with pretty much every character from The Muppet Show.

Tales of a Sixth Grade Muppet has a similar format to the Wimpy Kid books, with cartoony illustrations on every page, with some of the dialogue happening in those panels. Danvers also inserts his own artwork now and then, a little more clumsy than Scroggs' own drawings. The artwork is very stylized, and takes some getting used to, but it's consistent and gets the characterization right, even when the characters might look a little...off.

It's a quick, easy read--I read the 240 pages in less than an hour, and my son is about halfway through the book now. He's liking it, even though he probably doesn't know every character in the book. You don't need to know that Lew Zealand throws boomerang fish, or that Crazy Harry blows stuff up, because it comes out in the course of the story. For people who already like the Muppets, it's a nice adventure with a new perspective. For kids who didn't grow up with them, it's a good introduction to the crazy world the Muppets inhabit. Book Two is about a Comedy Contest, so I'm sure we'll get more Fozzie Bear and other jesters...I can't wait to see how bad the jokes get.

Michelle H says

Not bad for the upper elementary/early middle school crowd. Fun for moms in a reminiscent way as I really enjoyed seeing my son reading this and talking Muppets (my heroes!) with him. Not groundbreaking or anything, but fun, particularly for reluctant or struggling readers who have outgrown picture books but still enjoy pictures with their stories.

This book will most likely appeal to fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Big Nate, and Zombie Chasers series.

Sarah BT says

About the Book: Danvers Blickensderfer is the biggest Gonzo fan you'll ever meet. His school reports are all about Gonzo, he has a Gonzo shirt for every day of the week, and he even aspires to be an amazing daredevil just like The Great Gonzo. When Danvers's audition for the local talent show fails and he loses out to the middle school boy band, Emo-Shun, Danvers thinks he's hit rock bottom. That night, Danvers goes to bed wishing he could be like Gonzo. The next morning Danvers discovers he's furry-and now turned into a Muppet and there's an internship open at The Muppet Theater. With his new Muppet form, will he have a chance to meet and train with The Great Gonzo? And will The Muppets give Danvers a chance to perform at the talent show after all?

GreenBeanTeenQueen Says: I LOVE The Muppets. I still think of them as real and not puppets. I could watch The Muppets all the time and never get tired of them. So when I heard about this book, I knew I had to read it. And happily, it lives up to the humor I would expect from a book about The Muppets.

The style is "Wimpy Kid-esque" with drawings and text combined to tell the story. Part of the book are drawings and entries from Danvers and some of the drawings are from the author. Readers who like books with a mix of illustrations and text will most likely be interested and it might be a nice selling point for kids who might not be familiar with The Muppets. I do wonder how well known The Muppets are with tweens, but with the upcoming movie, maybe readers will know who Gonzo is.

I did like that the author didn't just include just the most popular Muppets. Sure, Miss Piggy, Kermit, Gonzo and Fozzy all make appearances, but so does The Electric Mayham Band, Sam the Eagle, Dr. Bunson Honeydew and Beaker, and Statler and Waldorf, (in a very hilarious way-they begin to heckle Danvers randomly throughout his day). As a Muppet fan, I appreciated that the cast was well rounded and there were lots of fun cameos from some of my favorites.

The humor is what you would expect from The Muppets and there are lots of jokes and puns and crazy happenings. Once Danvers becomes a Muppet himself, we are shown a Muppet filled world, much like you would see in The Muppet Movies. There are the regular Muppet characters, but there are also Muppets that fill Danvers world. The other Muppet intern is a pig, Danvers visits a school where there are human students and frogs-and no one bats an eye.

There are some plot holes-like how exactly Danvers became a Muppet and the possible ways there are to fix his change. This part of the story seemed the weakest, but at the same time, the author knows that and makes fun of the random plot advances. There were things that weren't wrapped up in this book too, so I wonder if a sequel may be the works.

Tales of a Sixth-Grade Muppet is a book for Muppet fans old and new. Give this one to readers who like humor and silly antics as well as illustrated novel fans.

Ms Threlkeld says

An entertaining middle grade book with a zillion Muppet references that will appeal to fans of Wimpy Kid-type books. Not sure if most young readers will appreciate all of the Muppet jokes, but, as a mega fan, I certainly did.

Catherine says

Published 2011.

This is a cute, quirky book in a style similar to the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, but I would say for a slightly younger audience (probably grades 3-5).

The story's main character, Danvers Blickensderfer, idolizes The Great Gonzo (yes, the Muppet). Danvers spends his time trying to perform stunts reminiscent of those of Gonzo on the old Muppet Show. Danvers is not the most popular kid in school nor the most academic or athletic. He tends to have the same level of success with stunts as Gonzo did back in the day. Danvers life takes a turn when he mysteriously transforms into a Muppet version of himself.

The book is silly and corny, but a fun, easy read. I think elementary-aged students would enjoy it, but adults who recall the original Muppet Show would appreciate the references and jokes, too.

Recommended.
