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The side-splitting sixth installment of the Mr Gum series

Mr Gum's back! But what's he up to this time? Oh, dreadful things my friends, dreadful things indeed. Seems he's found himself a brand new treat—rancid kebabs just dripping with dirty grey sauce. And he just can't get enough of them. He's gotta have more! More! LESS! I mean, MORE! But not everyone's too happy about Mr Gum's new dinnertime arrangements and soon the town of Lamonic Bibber is gearing up for war. Can Polly and her friends save the town from being torn apart? Will Mr Gum's hunger ever be satisfied? And who on earth is Thora Gruntwinkle? Readers will find the answers to these questions, and they'll also see a gingerbread man driving through London, an annoying little monkey driving everyone mad, and Friday O'Leary falling asleep in a hedge!

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Jamal says

I have quite enjoyed this book. It is a bit confusing but I understood it in the end. The "chatter chatter chee" was my favourite part of my book. I also liked the ending when "billy William the third" and mr Gum go to the weeding to muck around.

Ashley says

I'm now suspicious of all animals that wear tops but no pants.

padfoot and pringles says

I have read the whole series but I can not be bothered to say I read, sorry!

Claire Taylor says

Well I laughed.

Catherine Smith says

'What's for Dinner Mr Gum?' is a book written in 2009 by the children's author Andy Stanton. Stanton is well known for his humorous children's books and this one is no different. Overall I did enjoy reading this book and I believe that many young children would.

The story in this novel begins in the fictitious town of Lamonic Bibber. There are a range of odd, wild characters who all end up in a fictitious war. As with Andy Stanton's other works, the book is written in a variety of prints and texts, and illustrated throughout which I feel would make it extremely entertaining for students.

One thing I feel important, is that this book should be aimed towards higher level students, especially those with advanced English skills, as there are a great deal of deliberate errors and mistakes in the text, especially in the speech of the characters, for example "I can't wait no longer" and "Consider yourself lucky I 'aint a shark!". It is amusing, but I would be slightly concerned that younger students, or those prone to errors may pick these up.

I think this would be a fantastic book to encourage students to enjoy reading, as it is very light, especially as many pages just have a few lines, particularly those when there is song involved. I feel that students could really embrace the text and enjoy it. I would like my older children to read this as I feel that encouraging

students to read is important, and this book would certainly entertain more advanced KS2 readers.

owl says

Aheey! Dapet juga! di KG Fair semalem! masih nyesel yg ke-4 gak beli...sudah ada terjemahannya..baiklah...kita beli sajah #NiatMampirLagi

Zoe says

Good fun, but I enjoyed earlier books more. Not as much giggling from my son!

Shabnam says

I really liked this one, it had 2 or 3 new characters and it was kinda funny. These books, in my opinion, aren't that kinda funny to make you burst into laughter they're just a kinda of funny that puts a smile on your face and I like it, though it gets kinda annoying sometimes!
all and all it's a good children's book!

Nicky says

BONKERS! Totally nuts. I read this to my class in January. I laughed out loud reading it to them. Like, I had to stop reading to stop laughing.
They, thankfully, laughed too.

I just think Andy Stanton knows how to reach kids and this book has got lots of my 'nonreaders' to pick up a good book. They all - boys and girls alike - love it. He has a crazy thought pattern - he writes as the characters speak and you can easily get into a character. Alan Taylor - the gingerbread man with electric muscles - is mad. Friday is great and Polly a cool heroine! Mr Gum is quite bad, but he gets his comeuppance which the kids think he deserved. We had some great moments - especially with some of Andy's repeating phrases, the missing chapter was GENIUS.

THE TRUTH IS A LEMON MERINGUE!

Read it if you are 10 or younger. Or 34 with the mindset of 10 year old or younger.

Nipper says

super-dee-duper

Sandy Abdul says

Its very funny and exciting.I loved the way it was written with really bad english which made me laugh.If your one of the people who loves comedy books this is the perfect one.And I'd like to thank the author for this amazing book Thank You very much you worked hard just to make people laugh I wish I could make you laugh too.

Lavinia says

Other people might not, but I think this is a kind of love book, which includes a war of meat and slime. Polly and her pals go to see Thora Gruntwinkle (Billy William's true love) and bring her back to Lamonic Bibber, so that Billy will turn towards the good side and the Dinnertime War may be over. But it's not as easy as that.

Mr Gum has stopped liking Billy William, and has turned onto Greasy Ian, another butcher in town. It turns out that not only Billy William liked Thora G., but also Greasy Ian was her long lost husband!

This book was quite funny, but I wouldn't say as funny as the last ones, but even though it lost a star, I still loved it. I have no idea how Andy Stanton could possibly even think up these funny-but-serious ideas!

Unfortunately, I think there's one or two left in the collection, and when I finish these, I'm going to kill myself. Or just read them again ;)

Booksandlaughter says

Rude and raucously funny . Enjoyable for kids and parents .

Mark Rasem says

What's for Dinner, Mr Gum? by Andy Stanton

A book that is laced with humorous undertones, quirky characters and the far – fetched antics three middle aged men, “What’s for Dinner, Mr Gum?” is a title that plays to those with a somewhat wicked sense of humour.

Billy is the proud owner of a down – trodden diner, who is content with life and the regular custom of Mr Gum, Billy’s best friend and only customer. The story centres upon the betrayal of Mr Gum, a raggedy, down trodden gentleman, who to Billy’s devastation, switches his custom to Billy’s direct competition and arch – enemy, Greasy Ian and his house of slops!

Filled with rage, Billy plots his revenge and an all out war breaks out between the three, with kebabs, bones and kitchen sinks amongst the artillery used by the three angry men.

Though I found the light – hearted, quirky tone of the book to be amusing in parts, generally I found it to drag a little, and would prefer a slightly more subtle humour than what was on offer with this title.

In terms of recommendation, I would suggest it to those in their early teens with a slightly twisted sense of

humour, but my own feelings is that this would not be a title that would sit as well with a wider audience.

The critic says

Sweet and childish story about Gum and Billy fighting and Polly and her friends trying to solve the problem by love.

But the jokes reminded me of Shrek and Leslie Nelson
