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When Bigfoot is driving the bus, a field trip can feel legendarily long...but the best surprise of all is *yeti* to come!

When Yeti, the school bus driver, takes the class on a surprise trip, everyone wants to know: “Are we there, Yeti?”

And when they *finally* arrive, a new adventure is in store! Told with simple text and delightful illustrations, Ashlyn Anstee’s debut picture book presents a fun, new take on a timeless question.

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Lynn Davidson says

Cute story.

The question most heard when taking children on car trips is "Are we there yet?" In this story, the question is "Are we there, Yeti?" since it's Yeti who is driving the busload of children. Funny, and a cute ending.

Melissa says

We discovered this book through Emily Arrow's wonderful "Storytime Singalong" album - and you can check out the accompanying video for her Are We There Yeti? song here: <https://youtu.be/r4KEPXNaQI8>

I laughed so hard when I first saw the title of this one! So witty! And the book itself did not disappoint with its hilarious offbeat illustrations - how can you not giggle at Yeti leaning out of his windowless bus? That, and it so accurately captures the essence of every elementary school field trip: the long bus ride past locations the students would rather go, the complaining ;-), the skeptical-ness once they've arrived, the epicness of the trip, and of course not wanting to leave at the end (but of course, still wanting to know when they're getting home to get off the bus!)

Chris says

The real cuteness is in the detail of the illustrations.

Donna Mork says

About having patience and enjoying whatever may come.

Miss Sarah says

Kids on a bus continually ask their driver a yeti if they have arrived yet. Where is he taking them? Simple and funny. Preschool and up

Peter Bess says

With a fun title and some nice illustrations I was hoping for something a little more. This book had read aloud written all over it but once read I was disappointed that the author had not capitalized on the refrain of "Are We There, Yeti!" I was sure the kids would be laughing and yelling aloud the title of this book. The

pictures do leave some room for questioning the kids which I enjoy, but the end the text was too sparse.

Kristina Jean Lareau says

A fun picturebook with a fun take on "Are we there yet?" Illustrated with gouache and edited in Photoshop, this picturebook has dynamic and colorful illustrations.

Bonnie Arriola says

Another storytime favorite!

Beth says

Fun for the title word play. Good pacing and energetic illustrations.

Nick So'oto says

Are We There, Yeti? Is a children book that takes you and your child through numerous amounts of terrains: the beach, the woods, the city, the suburbs, and eventually the snow! This book is about a class full of children that go on a field trip. Sounds pretty normal right? But, nope! Instead of a normal human bus driver, their bus driver is a Yeti! The story continues on by Yeti driving the children through different environments and them asking him the same question, "Are we there, Yeti?", the longer the trip carries on, the more frustrated the children become. But, finally they arrive at their destination. Their final destination was not a museum, not a beach, and not a park. It was the Yeti's home in the mountains covered in snow! There the children played all day until Yeti took them back to school and promised to bring them back again. Once on the bus, the famous question was asked again, "Are we there, Yeti?" and the story starts again!

In my opinion, I was kind of half and half on this book. I wish the author would have made it more of a story instead of simply putting, "Are we there, Yeti?" on every single page except a few. But, the positive of this book is the illustrations. I loved the way the author used circles to separate different times in the book of the children playing and doing different types of activities. The book was beautifully illustrated and colors seemed to just pop out at you, especially the city and beach illustrations.

I don't, see myself using this book in the classroom, but if I did it would most likely being for an ice breaker on the first day of class. Yeti, takes the children on a field trip, but this could also be seen as somewhat of a vacation. I would read the book to them as a group pointing out the different scenes and places that the children passed through to get to their ultimate destination. Then after I was done reading the book I would ask if any of them went to any of the places that Yeti passed by with in the bus, if they did I would have them tell one fun thing they did while at their vacation over the summer, and if they didn't I would ask what they did over the summer.

Carrie Charley Brown says

This journey style plot is loosely based around a play on words with the common traveling phrase most children relate to, "Are we there yet?" The only difference being that the driver is, in fact, a Yeti. Yeti takes a group of school-aged children on a field trip. The reader will want to turn the page to find out where Yeti is taking them. There is an opportunity for prediction here. It turns out that Yeti's desire is to introduce the students to his children. It is not evident what is at stake or why he might want to do this, but the children end up having fun in the end. The cartoon style illustrations are fun and portray Yeti as a friendly, relatable character... similar to a dad.

This review is based on a F&G copy from Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Jacqueline says

Adorable! Found because of the Emily Arrow song... so cute!

Angie Quantrell says

Fun read aloud about a road trip!

Michelle Simpson says

I am excited to use this one with Emily Arrow's song!

Madison says

Yeti drives the school bus for a class trip. Follow the bus as they wander far and wide asking a child's frequent question, "Are we there, Yeti?" My kids love the fun illustrations and the spread of pages with no words. I frequently catch my daughter "reading" it to herself.
