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In this funny story that's perfect for fans of *Ada Twist, Scientist*, a determined little boy won't rest until he proves his theory that you really *can* have more than one best friend!

Pirate is friends with Scientist. Scientist is friends with Viking. Pirate and Viking are NOT friends. What can Scientist do?

Use his brain, of course--and the scientific method! He forms a hypothesis, conducts an experiment, observes his results, and tests his subjects again and again until he discovers the perfect formula for friendship.

Includes a bonus list of scientific terms and definitions, just right for young readers.

Pirate, Viking & Scientist Details

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American Mensa says

“Fable about friends!”

This picture book is a story about a scientist who has two friends who do not like each other in the beginning, but eventually find that they share something in common and learn to be friends. I liked the story because it showed me that you can have more than one best friend. It also shows how we can like people once we find something in common with them. My favorite character in this book was the scientist because he solves the problem and also because I love science!

There is a good part and a bad part to the story. I did not enjoy the bad part so much.

Even though this is a picture book, I don’t think the pictures look very friendly. When I tried to read this book to my 2-year-old brother, he did not like the pictures and kept saying that they are all bad guys. He also did not seem to understand the story at all. So, the book did not keep his attention for long. But, I understood the story and enjoyed it. I would have liked better drawings too – something that looks more friendly. I would recommend this book for kids 5 years and older.

My favorite part of the book was the end, of course, because everything gets sorted out! I feel this story is like a fable because it teaches us something about life.

I gave this book 3 stars, because I did not like the pictures too much and would have liked it to not have a bad part to the story. But I did enjoy the scientist character, who I felt was very much like me- he likes to solve problems and make sure everyone is being friendly with each other.

Review by Dhruv K., age 6, North Texas Mensa

Reading is my Escape says

The Science of Friendship

Pirate is friends with Scientist. Scientist is friends with Viking. Pirate and Viking are NOT friends. What will Scientist do? Use his brain, of course! Scientist forms a hypothesis, conducts an experiment, observes his results, and tests his subjects again and again until he discovers the perfect formula for friendship.

Scientist really wants his two friends to like each other. He uses the scientific method to figure out what he can do. This is a cute book about friendship that helps young students learn about the scientific method in a fun way.

Recommended to:

Great read-aloud for elementary school science teachers that want to teach young children about the scientific method.

Becky B says

Pirate and Scientist are friends. Scientist and Viking are friends. But Pirate and Viking are decidedly NOT friends. Scientist wants both his friends to have fun at his birthday party so he comes up with several different hypothesis for how to get the two enemies to be friendly. He tests each one out at his birthday party, but nothing seems to be working. The results are clear, none of Scientist's hypotheses have been correct so far. So he decides to try one last thing, he asks the two about their favorite activities...(view spoiler).

This is Jared Chapman's debut in the picture book world - and I may be going out on a limb here (but I think it is a pretty long and extremely stable limb, aka sequoia size) - but I do not think it will be anywhere near his last. I thoroughly enjoyed this tale of how a scientist would try and bring peace between his two best friends. The things Pirate and Viking come up with to do to each other at the party are so very funny, and the resolution is both sweet and applicable to real life relationship problems. (Oh, and the science teacher in me thoroughly approves of the use and instruction in the scientific method used in the book. That was a great bonus!) So whether you're teaching kids about problem solving, the scientific method, or trying to help kids learn how to get along (or just looking for a fun read), this is a great book.

Viviane Elbee says

Kids who like Pirates, Vikings, birthday parties, brawls, pillaging and plundering might enjoy this friendship tale about a scientist who tries to figure out how to get Pirate and Viking to stop fighting during his birthday party. It goes through the scientific method of forming a hypothesis, conducting experiments, observing results and testing over and over again. Kids enjoyed it.

Could be used to discuss the scientific method in elementary school.

Ashley says

What do two people do when they have nothing in common but a third person? Fight! Of course! Thankfully their mutual friend is a scientist who is determined to make them get along and you know what, his formula for friendship is perfect and adorable.

Flossmoor Public Library (IL) says

I enjoyed this picture book. There is a scientist who is friends with a Pirate and a Viking. Unfortunately, Pirate and Viking do not like each other. Scientist performs several experiments to see if he can help them get along. There are multiple science vocabulary terms throughout the book.

- Miss Emily

Amanda says

do you like pirates? vikings? scientists? they're all here. And much like our plucky young scientist learns, the stereotypes of pirates and vikings aren't all that different. Ozman liked this one well enough. I liked that it taught how to develop and test hypotheses, but I am whelmed by the overall content.

Brooke says

My storytime kids really wanted me to read this. They really enjoyed examining the illustrations, and they got the basic idea of what the story was about. But it just didn't flow well for storytime.

Pink STREAM says

This book is a fun and interesting way to teach some scientific terms to young people. It explains what a scientist, scientific instinct, hypothesis, calculation, experiment, observe, and the result means. If you or the person you will read this book is interested in pirates or Vikings that is great because the book also includes an angry pirate and a huge Viking. Illustrations of the book are pretty cute even the book includes a pirate and a Viking. In the end, our little, cute scientist boy solves the problem and makes the pirate and the Viking friends. If you read this book to our little, cute, and smart scientists one-day they will solve the world's problem and make everyone on the earth friends.

Erica Flory says

a weird/interesting way to teach the scientific method

KidLit Motivates says

Scientist uses a trial-and-error approach on his birthday to help Viking and Pirate resolve their differences and get along. Though Pirate and Viking are brawling batters, Scientist is able to demonstrate to them the things they have in common and eventually bring them together. Definitely turns a large category like science into something young readers will understand.

Upsides: The book functions as an engaging introduction to scientific terms, including definitions for words like Hypothesis and Experiment. Brightly colored, comic-influenced illustrations including large onomatopoeia attract the eye. There is a great use of vocabulary (brawling, seething, plundering, e.g.) at work for such a compact book.

Downsides: Scientist is a young, nameless boy in glasses, bow tie and a white lab coat, which feels a bit limiting. Anyone can be a scientist, after all! Also, if you take issue with cartoon demonstrations of violence (Pirate hitting Viking over the head with a bat, e.g.), this is probably not the book for you. Finally, it feels awkward to refer to characters by their characterizations, and not by character names.

Stephanie Croaning says

This book is both a story of friendship, as well as an introduction to the scientific method. I would have to say that combo makes it one-of-a-kind! A scientist is friends with a pirate and a viking, but Pirate and Viking do not like each other. This makes for an upsetting birthday party for Scientist, whose scientific instincts kick in and help him solve this problem. This is a very fun story with great characters, colorful illustrations, and pillaging and plundering.

This book would make a fun read-aloud as a class begins to study the steps involved in the scientific method. Making STEM learning fun!!

June says

How can a scientist make his two friends get along? A fun way to introduce the scientific method

Venus says

Review originally posted on Children's Atheneum

Scientist is friends with Pirate. Scientist is also friends with Viking. One would think that Pirate and Viking would get along, but no. It's a disaster. This makes Scientist sad. Using the scientific method Scientist decides to find a way to get his friends to get along. Scientist forms a hypothesis, conducts an experiment, observes the results, and tests his subjects again and again until he discovers the perfect formula for friendship.

Reminiscent of *The Most Magnificent Thing*, this is a fantastic book featuring the scientific method and the varying results. Funny enough, I think adults can really relate to this book as well because who hasn't had a tense moment between two friends who don't exactly get along? Or worse, the whole, I can't invite this person if I invite that person. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all use the scientific method to get our friends to get along? In this respect the book is pure fantasy, but I didn't mind so much since the more obvious "message" was that of the scientific method rather than whether all your friends will get along with one another.

Charles says

While this book is supposedly about three males with vastly different backgrounds eventually learning to get along, the path there is one that I would not have exposed my daughter to. As the title indicates, there are three boys, a scientist, a pirate and a Viking.

The scientist is a small boy with large glasses that wears a bowtie and a white lab coat. Pirate is much larger, with a mermaid tattoo on his chest, one of an anchor on his arm, a beard and few visible teeth. Viking is a bear of a man with a full beard and the Viking headgear.

While both Viking and Pirate are friends with Scientist, they fight hard whenever they are together. Not the arguing type of fighting, the kind where they destroy things, such as Scientist's birthday cake. Eventually, the two of them agree on something that they can do together, but it is pillaging and plundering.

This book would not be bad if Viking and Pirate were boys in costumes, but these are grown men. Their fighting and outlaw lifestyles are inappropriate for a book written at the level of the first or second grader.
