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**What would YOU do if you won the lottery?**

When unlucky teacher Ms. Linda LaCrosse wins the lottery, she shares her winnings with her class--giving each student over a BILLION DOLLARS!

You might think this was nice, but it was not. It was a terrible idea! With great money comes horrible allergies, steep taxes, exploding volcanoes, and other problems. As the students of Classroom 13 are about to learn, winning the lottery is *not* always lucky.

(One way to avoid bad luck is to give all of that money to charity. Make checks payable to *Honest Lee*.)

**The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13** is the first in a new chapter book series of hilarious stories about a rather unlucky classroom. Each story is full of humor, action, and fun, and will prompt hours of conversation among friends, families, and classrooms.

## The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13 Details

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# **From Reader Review The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13 for online ebook**

## **DaNae says**

I love me a good early chapter book, but this just didn't do it for me. It is fairly mean-spirited, and not particularly funny. I think it was trying to parallel Sachar's Wayside School books, but missed on charming wackiness of those. I'd recommend Bonny Becker's MAGICAL MS. PLUM as a kinder, more hopeful classroom comedy.

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## **Chelsey says**

I think this is meant to be similar to the Wayside School books, and I do think kids will like it, it didn't have much pizzazz.

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## **Colby Sharp says**

Super funny!

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## **Steph says**

This felt like My Weird School meets Sideways Stories... but less enjoyable for me. None of these chapters (characters) were redeeming for me, and I found myself incredibly annoyed at all of the characters instead of laughing like I thought I would.

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## **Rex Ogle says**

When you were a kid, did you and your friends ever ask each other stuff like, "WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A BILLION DOLLARS?"

Well, this book has 28 diverse students who answer that question with their own ideas... Of course, everything goes terribly (wonderfully), horribly (hilariously) wrong. Some stories are heartfelt, others have potty humor, one is spoken entirely in French, and one is in code. But all of them are fantastic fun for readers of all ages.

This books reminds me of Roald Dahl meets Captain Underpants meets Sideways Stories from Wayside School. The chapters are short, simple to read, and perfect for reluctant readers, both boys and girls. There's even a final chapter that encourages the reader to write their own chapter.

Everything about this book will leave young readers rolling with laughter, and excited to read more in the

series. A new book is due out in 3 months, with more on the way for the foreseeable future--each answering a new kid-friendly question. Book 2 features a genie who grants wishes, and Book 3 an agent who makes the kids famous! Can't wait to buy future installments for my nieces and nephews--and even myself.

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### **Kary says**

Cute story about how students waste their lottery winnings. I think my students will find it very funny. It will be great in my beginner chapter book section.

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### **Val Riewe says**

This was a cute story. I hope my kid book club chooses to read it! This is a good story to read with reluctant readers. Short, simple chapters provides a variety of experiences that will be fun to read with kids!

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### **Tamara says**

If you play the lottery, you probably dream of what you would do if you happen to win the jackpot. From investing, to going on dream vacations, to buying an amazing new home – the possibilities are practically endless for a lucky winner. If the winner chooses wisely, they will be set for life. If the wrong choices are made, well you can only imagine. Thus the premise of this delightful chapter book.

Ms. Linda, a schoolteacher, is generally very unlucky - life never seems to be in her favor. One unlucky morning she had a flat tire while going to work. Forced to spend money to use the phone to call for help, she purchases a lottery ticket for one of the biggest lotteries of all time. Because she is so unlucky, she just sticks the ticket in her pocket, knowing there isn't any chance that she would win. When she finally arrives to her class, the discussion starts on current events – one being the lottery. Remembering her ticket, Ms. Linda decides to use this as a learning tool. Because we all dream big, and Ms. Linda knows there is no possible way she will ever win (because she is so unlucky), she promises her students that if she wins, she will share the winnings with each of the children in her class. They sign a contract and pinky swear, and the day goes on as normal. But, Ms. Linda's luck changes! She wins the lottery in the amount of \$28,000,000,000!!!! She gives each child their winnings, and this is where the story really begins. Each chapter is about one of the children and what they decided to do with their new fortune. Some choose wisely, while some, well....not so much. In the end, they all learned a valuable lesson that no amount of money could ever buy.

*The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13* is a delightful book that will appeal to young children and in the process, open up meaningful discussions between parent and child. As a bonus, the illustrations throughout are absolutely charming and really add to the story. The writing is simplistic enough that young readers should not have a problem reading to themselves. The very last chapter asks the reader to write down what they would do if they won one billion dollars which the author states he would love to read if mailed to him. This is a great start to the *Classroom 13 Series* and I can't wait to read what the children of Classroom 13 get to discover next. Whatever it is, I think it's going to be a fun adventure!

\*ARC provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Emily Stephenson says**

### **Summary**

Classroom 13 has a unlucky teacher named Ms. Linda. Despite her usually being unlucky she wins the lottery and she is willing to split her winnings with her class, giving each of them over one BILLION dollars! With money, does everything magically become better? The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13 soon find that sometimes having money does not fix our problems.

### **Activity**

At the End of the book, there is an opportunity for the reader to make his or her own chapter. The topic being, "What would YOU spend your \$1,000,000,000 on?" This gives students an opportunity to think creatively. After they have completed their own chapter, split them into small groups to share their ideas and answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think most people spend their money right away?
2. Would having over oneBillion dollars make you happier? Make life easier?
3. Do you think that William being paranoid about someone stealing his check caused any problems of his own?
4. Did chloe make the right decision by donating to a charity? Why or why not?
5. If you were in Ms. Linda's shoes, would you have split 28 billion dollars between a bunch of students? Why or why not?

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## **Fox Lake District Library says**

The Radical Readers gave this book an average of 4.5 stars! They thought it was very funny and they liked how the chapters were written from the different student's perspectives. The students they liked best were Ava, Emma, and Liam. Some thought that buying unlimited sweets would be a great thing to do with lottery money while others liked the idea of buying Hawaii or making cat island. Most of the readers want to read the next books in the series! For our craft we made wallets :D

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## **Victoria Kimble says**

A super-funny chapter book for 1st-4th graders. I highly enjoyed it myself.

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## **Danielle Norris says**

I finished this book a few days ago and I have been hesitating to write a review. I didn't like this book, and it might be because I am getting too old. I felt this book portrayed teachers and students in a very negative

light. Instead of finding it humorous I found it insulting and irresponsible. I am actually surprised that it is on the Bluebonnet list.

The premise is that a teacher wins the lottery and splits her winnings equally among her class. The "hilarity" ensues.... I did not find it humorous and I did not find it meaningful.

The only thing that might save this book is that I could see some good conversation taking place about the book.

Sadly, I am afraid kids will love it... More irresponsibility and negative influence. I would prefer more positive influence.

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### **Julie says**

Ridiculous and cute read aloud. Lily plans on reading more of the series on her own.

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### **Misty says**

#### **Silly fun!**

If you are looking for a funny book for upper elementary grades, then you have found the perfect one in this book! I would highly recommend it for a good laugh.

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### **Beverly says**

Very funny story, with short, easy-to-read chapters. Each chapter tells what the teacher and each student did with their winnings. Very few of them made wise decisions.

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