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“Big Nate is funny, big time.”—Jeff Kinney, author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

The fifth Big Nate novel in the *New York Times* bestselling series by Lincoln Peirce, all about king of detention and cartooning genius Nate Wright!

Everyone knows N-A-T-E does not equal N-E-A-T!

And when Nate’s sloppiness gets out of hand, his best friend, Francis, is in serious trouble.

Can Nate clean up his act, or will he flip out first?

For fans of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series: Meet Big Nate, world-class boredom buster and definitely NOT the teacher’s pet.

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Jnase1 says

Why are all these popular books about disrespectful kids? No wonder disrespect is so prevalent in society today. That is how we are telling kids to act when we sell books like Big Nate and Diary of a Wimpy Kid to our kids. I understand it's "supposed" to be funny, but I don't see what's funny about drawing rude pictures of teachers and classmates. And this book in particular aggravated me because the Nate character proved that he could be a good student and the storyline made it seem like a bad thing that he changed his behavior. ????? Why are we giving these types of books to our kids? And why can't children's authors write stories with decent characters that our kids could look up to and emulate? This is just another one of those series that seems out to make money and the quality has suffered because of it. What a missed opportunity.

Aman 4-7 says

A classic for the big nate, this type of book really gives the bad but goofy side of the middle school life. If you wimpy kid series, consider giving this series a shot, because these can be (almost) as good. The wild life of nate switching into a neat freak, really shows the change somebody can make if they want to (although he was hypothesized so after that he didn't have a choice).

Eyad says

Nate Wright an average kid that just hates school, decides that him and his friends should join the P.S. 38 chronicle (basically a yearbook) club. All he wanted was to be the photographer, but Francis (his best friend) would not stop yapping about how unorganized he is. But he becomes the photographer anyway. So, Francis worryingly let Nate use the camera that only he was allowed to get as the school editor. But when the camera goes missing, Francis blames it all on Nate and they get into a huge argument until Nate spills out the dirty secret Francis told him in 3rd grade and the one he said he would never tell all because of his sloppiness. Then, as the days past, Francis lost Nate's trust and you might say that they were no longer friends. Nate had gone too far this time. So with the help of 2 close friends (Dee Dee and Teddy) he had Teddy's uncle hypnotize him to become a neat freak. Now he can't even touch anything that might get him dirty. He realized that being a neat freak had its ups and downs but he had to think about which one would help him gain Francis's trust. Big Nate Flips Out is about friendship, trust and honesty!

Thomas Gajeski says

I think the book was awesome. Even the author of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" liked it. I like to call Nate "The Detention Kid," because he gets detention almost every single day. Nate has two good friends, Francis, who he knew since kindergarten and never gets detention, and Teddy who was new at first but they got along quite alright, they even had detention together once. There are some people he hates though, especially a girl

named Gina, who is a big tattle tale and a total nerd, and his Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Godfery, who I think Nate most of his detentions from.

Natalya Hotovec says

Big Nate Flips Out is about Nate and his two best friends, Teddy and Francis. Nate wants Francis to become co editor for the yearbook because Nate's enemy, Gina, would just make the year book full of pictures of herself. Francis becomes co editor of the year book and Nate wants Francis to get him a camera from the staff room because he is allowed to use since he is co editor. Nate promises he will not lose the camera but it gets taken from his locker. Francis and Nate get in a big fight. Nate wants to go to Teddy's uncle, Pedro, so he can hypnotized him so he can be neater and find the camera.

I really liked this book and would recommend this book to anyone who likes funny books or books about hypnosis. My favorite part of this book is when Gina gets furious when Francis joins the year book committee. I thought this book had a valuable lesson in it. I thought the valuable lesson in this book was to trust your friends if they say they didn't do something.

Heidi says

My students love these books so much I can't keep them on the shelf. However, I can't say that I'm a big fan of them. I think one of the reasons that I don't like them as much as the kids is that I'm not a kid anymore, I don't see things the way they do. But for what it's worth here is my two cents.

Strengths: Comics, comics, and more comics, kids can't get enough of them and some of them are amusing. When the words are broken up by the comics/illustrations it makes the book seem shorter and reluctant readers will pick them up without prompting. There is a little more depth here than I expected involving Nate and a fight he has with his friend, Francis about neatness and responsibility. Both of them learn some things about differences and getting along despite those differences.

Weaknesses: The disrespect here I find rather annoying, not just the kids disrespect for the teachers but for each other. I get rather tired of the teachers always being the bad guys. Although I did appreciate the school librarian being more reasonable than the others. Also, hypnotism isn't exactly the best solution to Nate's problem.

Overall, a kid pleaser for sure, but not a whole lot of literary quality here. I buy these solely for their entertainment value because that's about all that kids will get from these. I do find more value here though than the Wimpy kid books, thus the three hearts.

Joshua Hatley says

I recently finished Big Nate Flips Out by Lincoln Pierce. The character I'm choosing to write about is Nate. He is very funny and is extremely messy. His friends want him to clean up his act so he goes to his friend's

uncle's house who is a magician and gets hypnotized. Then, he becomes really clean and all the teachers love him because he doesn't turn in his assignments in bad condition. But Nate doesn't like to be the teacher's pet. Nate always gets sent to detention but he doesn't anymore. The detention monitor can not even recognize Nate anymore because he is not going in detention. But then, he gets in a fight with a bully and turns back into his old, messy self. I recommend this book to you because it is really good.

BlackhamBoys says

Read and Rated by Cooper (3rd Grade) ... he had been introduced to Big Nate at school as asked for this one at the school book fair after Parent/Teacher conference. I bought it for him and he read it in just a few days.

I haven't read it myself (skimmed it, I have trouble "reading" these types, like Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants, I like a STORY) ... some block comics, some paragraphs/sentences. We noticed Big Nate in our Sunday comics (I hadn't really noticed it before.)

At the very end there was a small discussion of phobias (I pointed the word out to my son, he hadn't sounded it out correctly in his head). The line "I'm afraid of snakes, and clowns, and yogurt" made him laugh and share it with his younger brother. My boy had a weather phobia last year, and I'm SO glad it is a thing of the past!

Joan says

I wanted to read one of the Big Nate books just so I could understand why they are so popular. Now I understand! This was so much fun to read. I would definitely recommend these books for older elementary school and middle school kids.

Tucker says

Gig nate is a good and funny book. The book a rilly quick read but good and funny at the same time. It has meny things the actually happen in school and lot of funny moments. The book seams like it has has sum real life experiences in it.

Josiah says

When you've written a daily newspaper comic strip for twenty-two years—the length of time Lincoln Peirce had done *Big Nate* when this book was released in 2013—you get used to tweaking your paradigm on a regular basis to find new plot possibilities. How else could a cartoonist churn out hundreds of mini stories every year for decades? Fresh characters are added, well-known traits of main characters altered and

sometimes even reversed, a ploy Lincoln Peirce uses to amusing effect in *Big Nate Flips Out*, the fifth novel of this series. P.S. 38's yearbook last year was a disaster of errors and artistic insipidness, so everyone is relieved that Nick Blonsky, the editor, has been replaced. Unfortunately, the replacement is goody-two-shoes Gina Hemphill-Toms, at least until Nate, Francis, and Teddy convince the supervising faculty member to divide the editor's role between more than one kid. That's a win for Nate and friends, who agree to take the yearbook seriously in the interest of creating a product they can be proud of. Who would have guessed the project would lead them into such a mess?

Nate can't start taking candid photos for the yearbook until he has a quality camera, but the school's camera is expensive and breakable, and Mrs. Godfrey is unlikely to loan it to her nemesis. Luckily, Francis's squeaky clean record makes him an acceptable risk to borrow the equipment, so long as he doesn't reveal to Mrs. Godfrey that it's for Nate. But when the prized camera mysteriously disappears from Nate's disorganized locker and Francis has to accept responsibility, tensions rise between the two best friends. It gets so bad that they stop communicating altogether. Nate's willing to try anything to placate Francis, even go to a hypnotist to have his ingrained messy habits changed. As you might guess, the results of that encounter are the basis for much of this book's comedy.

With P.S. 38's faculty demanding repayment for the missing camera, and the Trivia Slam academic bowl competition fast approaching—an event Nate had looked forward to winning with his dynamic team, the Factoids, of which Francis is also a member—Nate makes up his mind to catch the camera thief and prove it wasn't Francis's fault. That means teaming up with Teddy and Dee Dee, who is as quirky as anyone at P.S. 38 but knows how to deliver the goods when it counts. If Nate can clear Francis's name and erase the one black mark on his school record, maybe they can make peace and be friends again in spite of the ugly words spoken between them. Hey, it's Nate Wright on the job, and I wouldn't bet against him for the world. Would you?

It's jarring (in a fun way) to see Nate's transformation after visiting the hypnotist. Who thought we'd ever see Nate act like a fastidious neat freak, obsessive about keeping his locker, bedroom, and himself spotlessly clean? We all have strengths and weaknesses, and the lesson to remember from *Big Nate Flips Out* is the eventual reinforcement of what Nate knew all along: what matters with Francis is their friendship, not minor details of personal style and preference. As Nate puts it, "Now THAT'S a best friend. We'll always be total opposites, but just because Francis is Mr. Clean, it doesn't mean he expects ME to be. He's happy with me just the way I am." If you learn that truth about relationships from this book, was it not a worthwhile read? The frequent out-loud laughter is a bonus, one that Lincoln Peirce provides as well as almost anyone. I love my Big Nate novels, and while some of *Big Nate Flips Out* is far-fetched, I don't really mind. I'd rate it at least one and a half stars, possibly the full two, and I recommend it for readers who enjoy good, clean, positive humor.

Frank Angulo says

I think this book was great. I liked this book because it's one of those books that are funny. I want to read more of these books in the future. I just can't find them and it's sad because I want to read more of this book.

Kathy Ellen Davis says

For some reason I thought Big Nate was younger than middle school.
Maybe because he looks younger on the cover?
I thought this was a good story though.

His friendship is tested,
he gets hypnotized (LOVE that uncle character!)
and the rest is hilarious.

I like the illustrations inside,
and like Big Nate's comic takes on things.

I don't like that most if not ALL of the teachers are portrayed as being horrible.
(except the librarian who sticks up for Nate, even after he ruins library books...)
but that opinion could be the adult in me.

I remember making fun of teachers in sixth grade;
just not all of them!

I think I'm going to read some more of these books,
if I can get them from the library!
They're flying off the shelves!

Shelli says

This may be my favorite Big Nate book! Due to an explosive fight with his best and longtime friend, Francis, Nate feels compelled to make some big changes to show Francis he is not a total slob.

Kids will love the secret coded messages throughout the book and all the funny and often silly conversations back and forth between the characters. Big Nate books are a must have for any school library or classroom, a guaranteed hit.

Chris Flores says

I like the book because it's funny. In this story it talks about this kid called Nate that would always get bad grades in class but then one day he gets his history score test back and it was 100%. I recommend this book to Alejandro because he likes to laugh.
