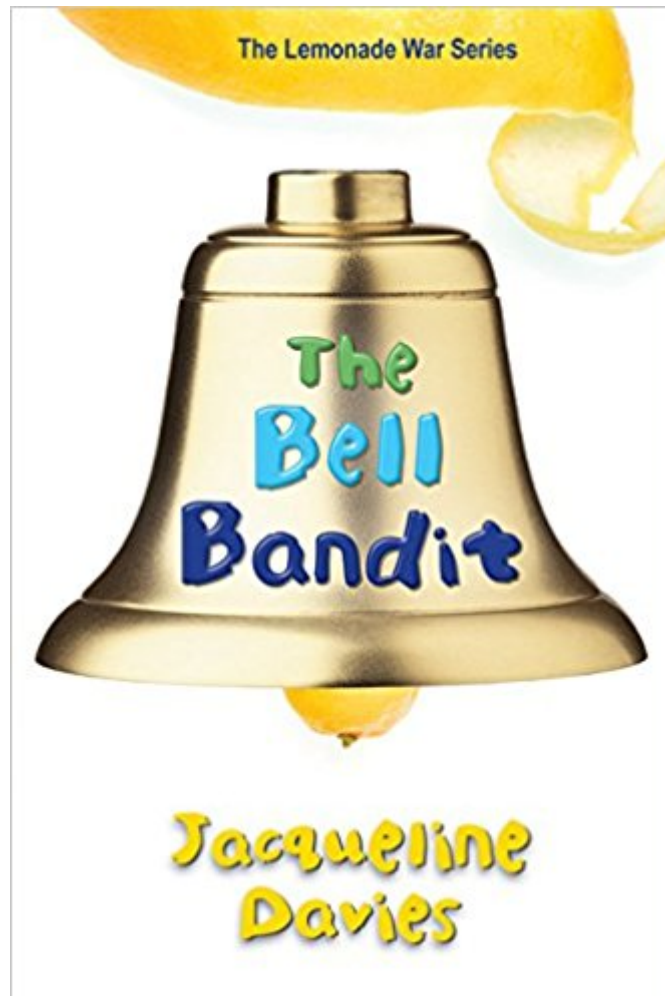




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# The Bell Bandit (The Lemonade War Series)



## Synopsis

The third installment of the popular Lemonade War series finds siblings Evan and Jessie Treski at their grandmother's Vermont house for the holidays, solving another mystery. This one involves figuring out who stole a cherished bell the whole neighborhood gathers around to ring in the new year. Evan and Jessie also come to grips with unsettling changes in their grandmother's behavior. Once again, Ms. Davies reveals how good she is at understanding the complex emotions of children age nine to twelve years old.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

The Treski family's traditional trip to Grandma's house for Christmas and New Year takes a wrenching turn in the third volume of the Lemonade War series. A kitchen fire has destroyed part of Grandma's home, she has just returned from the hospital, and sometimes she doesn't recognize her own grandchildren. The disappearance of the New Year's Bell, always rung at midnight with the whole community gathered on Grandma's wooded hill, seems minor in comparison, but its symbolic importance to the

family is evident. In the days that follow, 10-year-old Evan lends a hand repairing the house and, pushing past his pain, finds other practical ways to help his grandmother. Meanwhile, nine-year-old Jessie tries to solve the bell mystery, befriends an unusual boy, and tangles with bullies. Taking readers and characters outside their comfort zones of neighborhood, school, and normalcy, Davies portrays Evan and Jessie with subtlety and conviction as their relationship shifts and the difference in their ages becomes apparent in a new way. A fresh addition to a well-written series. Grades 3-6.

--Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Davies' real talent is human relationships." --Betsy Bird, New York Public Library and Fuse#8 blog "Davies keeps a tight focus on the children: Points of view switch between Evan, with his empathetic and emotional approach to understanding his world, and Jessie, for whom routine is essential and change a puzzle to be worked out. . . . Each of the siblings brings a personal resilience and heroism to the resolution." --Kirkus --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We love this whole series. The writing is accessible for almost all third grade readers (which is great for my son who is just starting to get a hang of it) but story lines are far more compelling, and characters are more developed than standard stories written at this level. I cried at the end of the Bell Bandit, and when we finished The Magic Trap, my son said he hoped there would be another because it felt like Evan and Jessie were his friends and he was going to miss them. Jacqueline Davies does a phenomenal job of capturing what it is like to be a kid now. I volunteer in my son's school and noticed a number of details which are true of my son's experience now, but were not so true when I was a kid. The books touch on issues that effect kids greatly and does so in a way that does not overwhelm them, does not patronize them, but rather gives them a framework to analyze their own experiences and voice their own thoughts. After reading the Bell Bandit, I noticed an improvement in my son's demonstration of empathy and consideration. After reading The Candy Smash, my son felt comfortable talking about who he had a crush on and what having a crush and navigating the social complexities of third grade was like for him. He is in general a very private kid, so this was a rare glimpse into his feelings. I feel like Jacqueline Davies gave my family a rare gift with this series, and I will be forever grateful to her.

Ordered this for my wife for her 5th grade classroom. She asked me to order it for her and I will leave a more detailed review after she let's me know how it was and her thoughts on it. She loves these

series, and while I do not know much about it, I want to read it once she is done with it. I will provide an updated review soon.

If there were more stars, I would give them! I am in love with the Lemonade War Books, and this is by far my favorite of the series. In addition to highlighting the relationship between a brother and his sister (who is assumed to have Aspergers), Jacqueline Davies introduces another character most likely on the autism spectrum. Within this one little book, children learn about work ethic, responsibility, family tradition, animal cruelty, bullying, and dealing with dementia - all in terms my 7-yr-old could easily understand. What a WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL book. I would suggest reading this aloud with your children to answer questions about these issues and to bring your family closer.

Seriously? What can you say about Jacqueline Davies's "Lemonade Wars" series that hasn't already been said? My 10-year old son who is just "okay" with reading, really enjoyed the humor in these books. The author teaches the reader so many subtle lessons about marketing, money, advertising, etc. It was just such a neat book, we had to get the rest of the series!!!

My grandson loved it

Did not feel the torturing of the frog was necessary. A few students found it a little disturbing.

My kids love this series because the characters are so real to them. They talk about the characters and all the drama while they are reading and after they read each of the books in the series, like the characters are real.

I love this book! I would recommend for you to read the first two books first. Jessie and Evan meet a new friend along the way when all of a sudden their grandma forgets who they are! Join Jessie and Evan in an exciting new adventure!!!!!!!:)

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