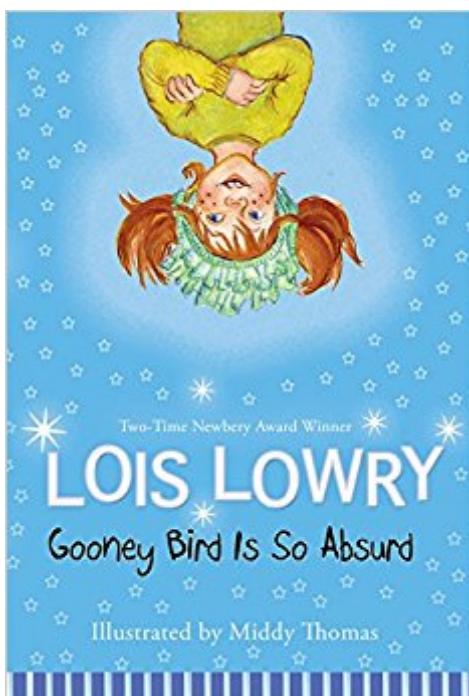


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Gooney Bird Is So Absurd (Gooney Bird Greene)



Synopsis

The fourth hilarious title in Lowis Lowry's popular Gooney Bird series! It's a cold January at the Watertower Elementary School—the perfect weather for Gooney Bird Greene to break out her special brain-warming hat! It's a good thing she has one. Gooney Bird's brain will need to be as warm as possible this month, because Mrs. Pidgeon is teaching her class about poetry. Who knew there could be so many different ways to write a poem? Haikus, couplets, limericks—Mrs. Pidgeon's students soon find that writing good poetry takes a lot of hard work and creative thinking. Gooney Bird and her classmates are up to the challenge. But just when things are going well, the kids get some terrible news. Gooney Bird will need all the inspiration her brain can muster to organize the most important poem the class has ever written.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 2—Gooney Bird Greene is back with her classmates for more fun. It's January, and the second grader has begun wearing a "two-ponytail hat" fashioned out of a pair of ruffled green underpants to keep her brain warm. Her outrageous behavior is endearing, and the support of her classmates is heartwarming. Throughout the winter the students of Mrs. Pidgeon's

class think about poetry, and their teacher reminds them, "Poetry is not to be judged. You just savor it." She shares poems written by her own mother, Mrs. X. As the children learn the difference between haiku, limericks, and couplets, Mrs. Pidgeon is dealing with more personal issues. When her mother dies, the students, led by Gooney Bird, create the most memorable poem ever. The story unfolds with fresh humor that keeps readers interested. Thomas's pencil drawings bring life to the characters. A fine selection for beginning chapter-book readers and as a read-aloud. •Bethany A. Lafferty, Las Vegas-Clark County Library, NV Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

When her second-grade class studies poetry, Gooney Bird bolsters her creativity by wearing a pair of frilly underpants on her head. ("It's my two-ponytail hat.") Meanwhile, teacher Mrs. Pidgeon reads aloud short poems written long ago by her mother, Mrs. X, who got to know the children in Gooney Bird and the Room Mother (2005). As the current story begins, Mrs. X is in a nursing home, and at the end, she dies. The children's response to their beloved teacher's loss climaxes in a heartwarming scene that pulls the story together in a meaningful way. A full-page drawing in each chapter reflects the action and the tone of the text. Few beginning chapter books have the range of this one, from hilarity to sadness, from outrage to compassion, and few writers could manage it with such finesse. Often amusing and sometimes subtly instructive, the fourth book in the Gooney Bird Greene series is well suited to reading aloud. Grades 2-4. --Carolyn Phelan

This is my favorite one so far. I can't believe a children's book made me cry. Me, a 53-year-old grandma; I cried at the end. I've come to love Gooney Bird and her class. This is the way school should be. This is how people should treat each other. I can't wait to send these to my granddaughters and maybe the younger grandsons. Here's hoping they enjoy these books as much as I do. What do I love? They teach writing in an easy to understand fashion, but more than that, the characters and situations are memorable. Oh, that we could have all had teachers that appreciated us like Mrs. Pigeon does. To declare as a child, "I'm never embarrassed" or "I'm never afraid" and actually mean it would be wonderful.

My granddaughter likes Gooney! Gooney is a unique character to laugh at, admire, and wonder about. She is a strong girl with ideas that she follows through on with her positive outlook and take-charge initiative. She thinks out of the box and keeps her teacher and classmates

guessing. Some reviewers don't like her because it is unrealistic to have a young student taking over in a classroom. That is true, but it IS a story. Bottom line... a real classroom teacher with the love of teaching would admire Gooney's enthusiasm and problem-solving attitude, but would have to reign her in a bit and know how to keep Gooney an asset to her teaching year. Gooney is never disrespectful or obnoxious and is inclusive of all her classmates! The series is not the most fun read-aloud for me because it is mostly dialogue between students, but my granddaughter likes the books and I love reading to her so that is what is most important...that a young child is learning to love characters in a book!

My first Gooney Bird book purchase was prompted by the wonderful experience of reading other Lois Lowry books. I got this book to read to my five year old grand daughter. Her older brother was reading his own book; my husband was reading a book on his iPhone while I read aloud. About half way through the first chapter, I realized that those two had abandoned their own reading and were caught up in the story with my grand daughter and me! My grandson couldn't wait to hear it read aloud chapter by chapter. He grabbed it as soon as I set it down and devoured the whole book. Truly irresistible.

My daughter loves Gooney Bird Greene and we are working our way through all of her books. They are fun for me to read too. the book seems to teach you things without preaching. You won't find any questionable language or behaviors that will influence your child, well except maybe dressing like an updated Pipi Longstocking. I think my son will like these books too.

A delight for the reader and the child being read to. Witty, funny, inclusive.

Children enjoy the series!!!

My son really likes this book series. What can I say...whatever keeps it fun and keeps him reading. I find Gooney Bird to be a silly fun character.

we love Gooney bird. these are the best kids books. the character is so funny and inspiring. Please Ms. Lowry, write more

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