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Nothing But Trouble Movie

Odawahaka has always been too small for Maggie's big scientific ideas. Between her stuck-in-a-rut mom, her grumpy grandpop, and the lifetime supply of sludgy soda in the fridge, it's hard for Maggie to imagine a change.

Nothing But Trouble Twins

But when Lena moves in with her creative spirit and outrageous perspective, middle school takes off with a bang. Someone starts pulling the kind of pranks that send their rule-loving new principal into an uproar—complete with purple puffs of smoke, parachuting mice, and a scavenger hunt that leads to secret passageways. Suddenly the same-old football games, election for class president, and embarrassing stories feel almost exciting. And for the first time in her life, Maggie begins to wonder if there might be more to Odawahaka than she ever saw coming!

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Packed with interesting characters, such as Mrs. Dornbusch, who is in her last year of teaching and doesn't care about anything, and the perfect Kayla who was once friends with Maggie but is now her nemesis, *Nothing But Trouble* manages to put a new spin on the idea of class elections, and set the story in a dying community that is open to a little bit of excitement.

Maggie's pranks follow the very strict rules that her father left in a notebook-- nothing can be damaged, the site has to be left in a better state than it was found, and no one can be hurt. It seems a bit unlikely that she would be able to do all of the things she does in real life, but I appreciated the fact that she had a significant source of income-- selling her grandfather's car parts-- to use to bankroll the projects.

Teachers will appreciate the math and science connections scattered throughout the book and explained with notes at the end. Readers who enjoyed books with girls interested in math and science, such as *The Short Seller*, *Calpurnia Tate*, or *A Girl Named Ratchet* will enjoy Maggie's experiments, and readers who liked this author's *The Lemonade War* will be glad to see a story with new characters and a new setting. ...more

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Nothing But Trouble Cast

I have many connections with her, so I can understand easily. And it was fun that the little girl about my age, she got much trouble and she made like traps. It was fun to see that all the troubles.

Ended a little too abruptly for me, but really liked it overall.

Nothing But Trouble Lyrics

Fun! is how I would describe this book. The main character Maggie plans and executes awesome "hacks" or pranks on her 6th grade school mates. I can only dream about the smiles created.

Everyone should remember "Inside every large problem is a small problem waiting to get out"

3.5 -- This book started out a bit slow for me, but as I read on, I laughed quite a bit. Lena and Maggie are clever and cheeky! This is a great middle grade read for those who wants a more quirky and silly reading experience and is definitely recommended!

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Nothing But Trouble Tupac

This started out strong, but fizzled for me

This book is about Maggie and her big scientific ideas with Lena, her new best friend instead of Ally and Emely, Maggie was assigned to the table where Lena was so that is where she met her.

I liked that it has a good hook and writing I did not like how the story is organized.

This story made me feel like I was in it.

The ones that will like this book is the ones interested in school stories.

This book is like Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

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Nothing But Trouble Trailer

Similar idea to The Terrible Two, but The Terrible Two is better. This book has a lot of potential and is very good. I wish there were some background - what sort of pranks did Maggie used to do? Why is Lena interested in pranking? Where did Lena come from and why?

This is a great book about the friendship and cool prankster activities of two great female characters. There is a lot heart and a lot of fun in this book!

Nothing But Trouble Judge

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A locker filled with tennis balls, ping pong balls falling on the principal's head during an assembly, mini purple explosions on the gym floor, and declarations of a mystery mouse as the culprit of these and many more pranks going on at Odawahaka Middle School, where sixth grade students are the only students. Have the students been forgotten, or is it true the town just doesn't have the money to house them anywhere else than this old building destined to be destroyed next year? One thing is for sure, and that is Maggie is tired of living in this tiny town where everyone knows your comings and goings, and wishes her mom would take them far away. But her mom has become as complacent as the town. When all the craziness starts happening at the school, Maggie and new friend Lena start to believe that big things can happen even in little old Oda M, but there's a new principal at the school, and he's bent on stopping all of the tomfoolery and chaos taking over the school.

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I enjoyed this book, and think students will enjoy them, too, but there were many times where I felt like the level of the pranks being pulled were much more than 6th grade students could pull off, no matter how bright they were. I was glad the author addressed the question of where the money came from to pull all of these pranks off, but I just feel as though the students should have been a bit older. Still, a good, fun book that I think students will enjoy. ...more

Nothing But Trouble Soundtrack

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Would make a terrific choice for girls not of the fantasy/sci-fi ilk but not yet gearing up for pre-teen romance either. Laws of physics explained in an engaging manner at the back of the book.

I just may be puckering up for some Lemonade after all. ...more

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The ending gives the appearance of having everything wrapped up, but I have a feeling there will be a sequel... (view spoiler)[Lena has to tell us the secret about her parents and Maggie's grandpa's auto parts business still isn't fully resolved (hide spoiler)]more

Tamara Read this Book and Wrote this Review.....This story by Jacqueline Davies is a upper elementary/middle school story of a developing friendship between two girls in a small town setting. The main character lives in a single parent home with her elderly ailing grandfather and spends her time devising elaborate pranks to play on the mean and stupid school principal. Enter the new girl in town, less of an inventor and mechanical engineer, she is artistic and worldly wiser, though she is often left alone by her artistic parents as they pursue their own careers. The story is a veritable "turn the school upside down" by pranking to overthrow the dictatorial school principal. This book has been nominated by the Council for the Vermont's Children's Choice Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award and is recommended by that group for children across Vermont schools and libraries. ...more