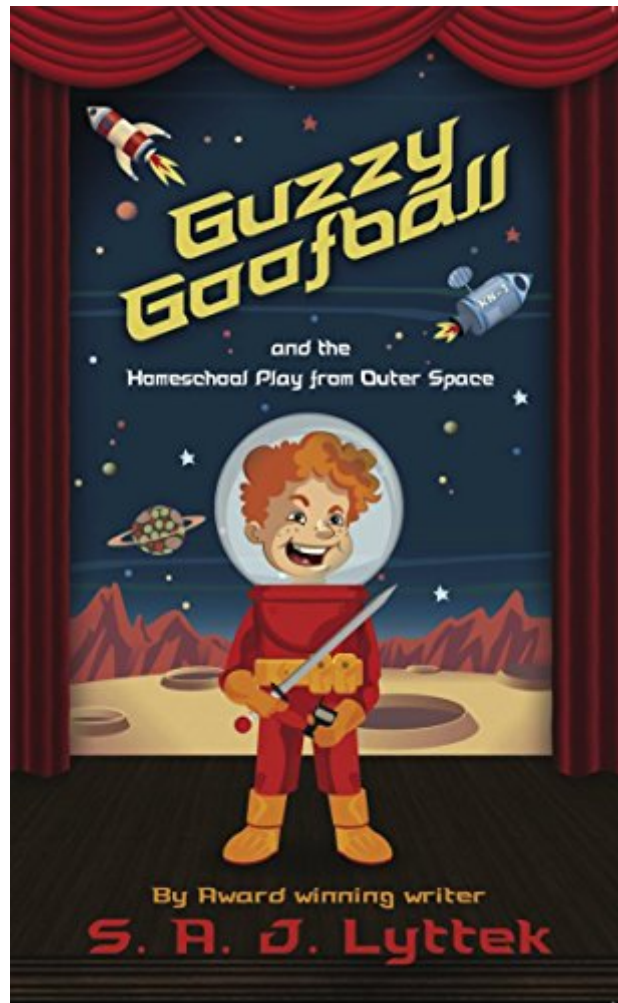


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Guzzy Goofball And The Homeschool Play From Outer Space



Synopsis

When Guzman Guferntible, aka 10-year-old Guzzy Goofball, finds himself drafted into the role of Prince Charming in a summer production of Sleeping Beauty, he longs to avoid any major blunders. Now Guzzy must overcome not only stage fright, but his mom's enthusiasm, the torment of his 3-year-old twin brothers, and the possibility of kissing Sleeping Beauty. This he manages by bringing the house down on his co-stars heads and learning how to star as himself. A word from Guzzy: I like summer. What kid doesn't? But inevitably my mom gets some crazy idea that I need to be doing something constructive. That's what destroyed a perfectly good week in July. My mom and Mrs. Bartle ganged up on Shriek and me and convinced us we'd love some time with kids our age and away from our homeschools. We'd be in a drama co-op, no less, with other fourth to sixth graders. OK, that was bad enough. But when I show up to discover I'm one of two guys amid a bunch of cackling girls And they decide to put on a production of Sleeping Beauty and draft yours truly, Guzzy Guferntible, into the role of Prince Charming. Me, on stage, armed with a plastic sword? If that's not a recipe for disaster, I don't know what is. Susan A. J. Lyttek, award-winning writer, wife and homeschool mother of two sons, writes early mornings in the shadow of our nation's capital. She also enjoys training up the next generation of writers through Write At Home by coaching middle and high school students. You can contact her and find out more about her other books and projects at sajlyttek.com.

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Customer Reviews

A fine ego booster for any child who has felt clumsier than average, louder than average, embarrassed by siblings or parents. And hasn't that been all of us at some point? Which is the point; given nicely, not pushed down the throat as in much kid lit.

This is a great read for homeschool students because of it's relatability and details regarding things that are a part of their everyday life. As a homeschool mom, I enjoy finding books like this, because the characters and events in the book are things my children can relate to as homeschoolers. So often, we read books where the characters lives center around a traditional school environment, so for us, this kind of book is refreshing. It would also be a great read for any child who would enjoy a fun, funny story. Guzzy is a very relatable character. He struggles with things all children struggle with--clumsiness, siblings, and parents! This character is one that both homeschooled and non-homeschooled children could easily identify with.

Guzman Guferntible. His name is the cause of every mishap, Guzzy is convinced. Now he's being roped into performing in the homeschool play. As a prince, to Sleeping Beauty. Blue-skies Mom, who loves to tell about her own almost-dramatic career, is certain he'll be perfect. His best friend Shriek, who Mom insists on calling Shelly, has bailed him out more than once. She can talk to adults. Convincingly. This time, it's only a half-bail. Sleeping Beauty can be pulled off with a king and prince, and all the girls will have a role. What if....No way. Not. Gonna. Happen. Guzzy was NOT gonna kiss a girl, even if it was pretend. But Frank, he has a lisp...."Guzman!!" Frank's mom snaps him out of his daydreaming, putting a finger under his chin and making him look her in the eyes. Guzzy hated it when adults did that; he had nowhere to look except for the hairy mole above her left eyebrow, and he could smell the coffee on her breath. Guzzy hated coffee. Yep, he was gonna have to kiss a girl. On stage. In front of the world. He had nightmares about it. Voices shouting at him, a pair of lipstick-coated monster lips, no legs, chasing him around the room, gaining on him.

Could his life get any worse...But with every mishap Guzzy has had to endure in his almost eleven years, sometimes something good can come out of it. With the help of his endearing three-year-old twin brothers, and Shriek for a friend, and Frank the boy with the lisp, Clumsy Guzzy learns a bit about himself and that usually nothing is quite as bad as you think it's going to be; and that it really doesn't matter because they're your friends, and you help your friends. A great read for kids, laugh-out-loud funny. The chapter titles alone, give a great feel for SAJ Lyttek's sense of style and humor.

I fell in love with Guzzy Goofball, the charmingly inept, all-boy hero of S.A.J. Lyttek's latest book. The book focuses on a drama workshop being offered by the Long Road Co-op that Guzzy and his best friend, a spunky girl nicknamed Shriek, attend. You've never seen "Sleeping Beauty" presented the way this group does it, replete with appearances by Guzzy's three-year-old twin brothers as angels. There are swords, peanut butter, trips and falls, preening girls, awkward boys... and a whole lot of God's love. In addition, parents will enjoy Lyttek's clever writing style. I was particularly fond of her chapter titles such as "The Quality of Mercy May Be Strained" and "Humor Thy Mother." Well done!

Guzzy Goofball is a fun short story about a Homeschooled boy whose mother signs him for a play. Sleeping beauty is not what a 10 year old boy wants to do, especially not kissing sleeping beauty, YUCK. Throughout the practices and the plays Guzzy's clumsiness brings a light hearted feel to the book. He learns to persevere even when it seems like nothing is going his way. This is a short read that is fun and light hearted. I highly recommend it. 5 Stars.

"Guzzy Goofball," the kid who got stuck with the "family" name. Lucky Guzzy. Susan A.J. Lyttek is a skilled and humorous writer and a lively storyteller. Guzzy Goofball and the Homeschool Play from Outer Space is a terrific addition to your Christian homeschooling curriculum. ã Æ Exploring the Faith of America's Presidents: Politics and Religion in America (Homeschool Curriculum)

I really liked the book. It is very funny. The characters were entertaining and Guzzy was funny primarily because he was such a klutz and bad things seemed to keep happening to him. What made it funnier was that his mom seemed to be oblivious to his plight. Guzzy had a fun way of seeing things and his perspective was spot on for a 10 year old. - Seth, age 11.

Guzzy Goofball and the Homeschool Play from Outer Space is very funny. It was also interesting. I've never read a book about homeschool kids putting on a play before. It was really good! From my 11-year-old daughter, who read it in two evenings!

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