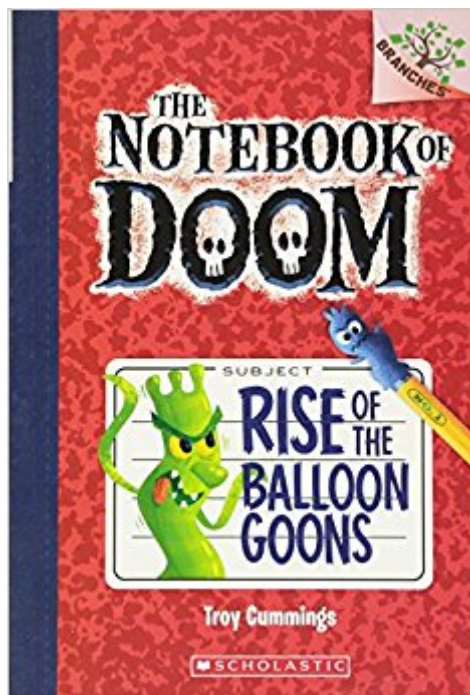




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# Rise Of The Balloon Goons: A Branches Book (The Notebook Of Doom #1)



## Synopsis

Monsters + Humor + Fun = THE NOTEBOOK OF DOOM! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! Alexander has just moved to a new town where he is about to uncover all sorts of monsters! He finds an old notebook with the word "DOOM" inscribed on the front cover. The Notebook of Doom, which Alexander now holds, contains top secret information about monsters! In this first book, Alexander goes up against spooky balloon goons--unique and twisted arm-waving balloon guys! This book is full of humor, engaging black-and-white illustrations, and of course . . . monsters!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Praise for THE NOTEBOOK OF DOOM #1: RISE OF THE BALLOON GOONS "Cranking up the horrorlarity with googly eyed cartoon figures and sight gags on nearly every page, Cummings pitches his nervous but resourceful newcomer into a climactic, all-out battle with an entire army of

aggressive, air-stealing bendy balloons." -KIRKUS REVIEWSPraise for THE EENSY WEENSY SPIDER FREAKS OUT!"Clever text full of witty asides." -SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNALPraise for MORE BEARS!"[Artwork that is] infused with zaniness and fun." -SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

Troy Cummings has been drawing since he was a little kid. His illustrations have appeared in newspapers and magazines, on websites, on frozen-fish-stick packages, and in hospital waiting rooms. He has published two picture books so far: THE EENSY WEENSY SPIDER FREAKS OUT! and MORE BEARS! His third picture book, GIDDY-UP, DADDY! is due out in April 2013. THE NOTEBOOK OF DOOM is his first early chapter book series. He lives in Indiana with his cat and family.

I have been trying to introduce my son to longer "chapter books." Tried some classics, etc - however he kept losing interest. This book wound up doing the trick. Great mix of illustration and writing. Story was well paced for a kid and we ended it with him begging for the second in the series. On another note, the language is great for a young mind. No middle school type name calling or anything I thought was inappropriate for my son. Great job Mr. Cummings! You found the sweet spot!

These are just brilliant. The perfect next step for your avid toddler reader. My son LOVES the mystery and monsters (not too scary). Plus, it has some drawings (like they were made with a pencil and in the form of a true monster notebook entry). These are fantastic! Such a fun mother son reading experience before bed! Seller provided quickly and in great condition (with or without prime)

Perfect new series for those that are reading beyond "beginner" level, but not quite to more difficult/advanced reading. My son LOVES this series! The drawings are engaging, humorous, and the story line is wonderful! Can't recommend this book and series enough! Get it... your boy (and girl!) will love it!

My 8 year old received this book for Christmas. He was reluctant because he only likes informational books, but finally picked it up during his first week of summer break. He LOVES it! He read over half of it in one day and had already asked me to order more Notebook of Doom books. I should probably find something a little more advanced for him, but I'm so excited that he voluntarily reads!

I gave this book to an 8 (almost 9) year old boy who is in the third grade--and reads on the low side of grade level. He opened it up and looked at it. Then he immediately started reading it and finished it before bedtime. I read it myself before giving it to him and really enjoyed it. The illustrations are very clever, and the text drew me in. Since the book was such a hit, I bought two sequels for his upcoming birthday.

my 7 year old son loved this book- finished it in about 30-45 mins

My 6 year old daughter loved this book (and so did I!). It's the first "chapter book" that she's really gotten into because it is super engaging, fun to read, has an intriguing plot, and has cool illustrations that really add to the experience of reading this book. Highly recommend!

Gave as gift to boy on 6 yr old birthday. He is a beginner reader. He devoured the book page by page. What he couldn't read didn't matter at all - he "read" the pictures, and we will definitely be reading it to him later. . His 8 yr old sister struggled to get the book from him. She read it immediately. Both love it. Will be getting them more in the series.

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