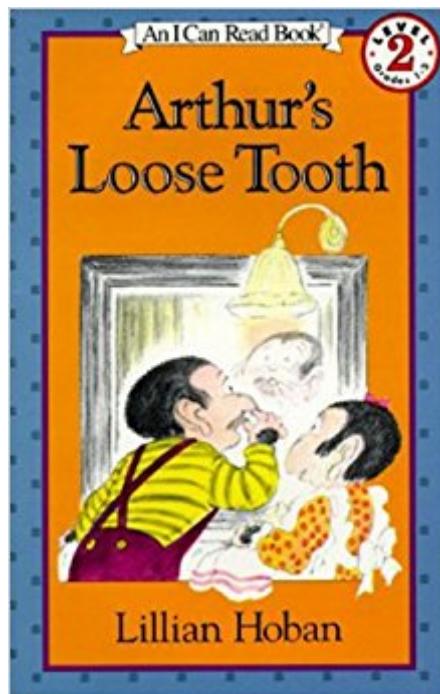


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Arthur's Loose Tooth



Synopsis

Arthur, afraid of pulling his loose tooth, and his little sister, Violet, learn something about being brave in the seventh adventure about two favorite chimps.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Hoban's famous chimp Arthur once again helps readers face their worst fears; here, he has to pull his very loose tooth. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Lillian Hoban was the author and illustrator of many favorite I Can Read books, including Joe and Betsy the Dinosaur, Silly Tilly's Thanksgiving, and a series about Arthur the Chimpanzee. She also illustrated many picture books, including the classic stories about Frances. Lillian Hoban was the author and illustrator of many favorite I Can Read books, including Joe and Betsy the Dinosaur, Silly Tilly's Thanksgiving, and a series about Arthur the Chimpanzee. She also illustrated many picture books, including the classic stories about Frances.

My kids and now my grandkids all love Arthurs' adventures. They are timeless. There are always lessons learned throughout the story.

This book is a "Reader" listed as being appropriate for First, Second and Third Graders. My own first grader could read this book but I know from being around other children this age that they wouldn't be able to read this. While the print is still large, and most pages don't have a lot of text; there are quite a few pages. In addition, there are words most youngsters wouldn't know. I would include in that category, words like: Saturday, doctor, bandage, headache, captain, muscles, and fearless. As far as the story is concerned, I think most children in this age group would like the the topic. Kids are just interested in tooth loss. For myself, I really didn't care too much for some of the elements in the book. For one thing, dad has a pipe stand, and making smoking acceptable in any form, isn't something we applaud. In addition, the baby sitter is a little mean - perhaps she is a family member (lol). At one point, she tells the children that they are giving her a headache;, and at another point, she tells Arthur that he shouldn't make such a fuss just because he falls down, cuts his lip and is bleeding. (If you can't cry when you are bleeding, when can you?) Oh yes, and before I forget, Arthur loses his loose tooth by wrapping a string around it and attaching the other end to a door knob. (Classic stuff and I guess I don't object, but I thought you should know just in case you do.) Now lest you think it's all bad stuff I have to report, let me say that what the book does well is discuss how different people are afraid of different things. In this case, Violet (Arthur's sister) is afraid of the dark, while Arthur is afraid of blood. And the one good point that the baby sitter makes, is that real bravery is doing things you are afraid of doing: like going outside in the dark to do a chore. Three Stars. Artwork is okay but not special. Good Read-aloud. The story has some pro's and con's, but overall I believe most children will like the subject. We read it, but wouldn't buy it as there are other books that deal with teeth that don't have pipe stands ;-)

The lesser known Arthur character, created by Lillian Hoban. Many people may know Marc Brown's story, "Arthur's Tooth" about Arthur the aardvark, but they may not necessarily realize that each Arthur has a different message. One is about being desperate to lose a tooth, the other about being scared to lose a tooth. I actually prefer Lillian Hoban's Arthur the monkey over Marc Brown's Arthur the aardvark, so I purchased this book as well as other Arthur the monkey titles. This one reminded me of when I was scared to lose my first tooth. Plus this one teaches how to make taffy apples and s'mores, and tells how the s'more got its name on page 62. If you wish, buy the Marc Brown book listed above, then buy this book and compare the two feelings of each Arthur character. However, if you are particularly interested in this title, beware of trying to obtain a book club edition through a school book club which has this title listed, as you may accidentally get sent the Marc Brown title.

This book teaches more than just being scared to lose a tooth. I think the main theme of this story is bravery. Arthur brags that he is "Captain Fearless," but both siblings (even Arthur) have a fear of something—Arthur is scared to lose his first tooth—and Violet is scared of the dark. But when the treat for dessert is taffy apples, Arthur doesn't want them because of his loose tooth (and his fear to pull it out), so Violet decides to make s'mores but has to go out in the dark to get sticks to make them—and faces her fear, so Arthur decides to face his fear—and chooses to be the, "Captain Fearless" he calls himself so pulls out his tooth and then he IS able to eat the taffy apples as well as the s'mores. In other words, this is a great story to teach about any kind of bravery!

Thanks

Cute story, plus I really like Arthur anyway, these stories seem old fashioned but that's what I love about them. The size of the print is perfect for children learning to read.

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