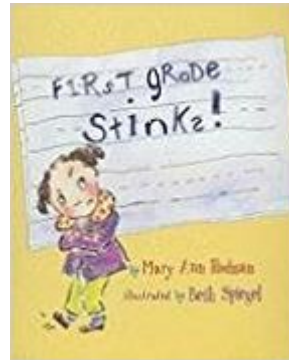




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# First Grade Stinks!



## Synopsis

IT IS THE FIRST DAY of school and Hayley is excited. Things are different now. She isn't a kindergartener anymore; she is a bigger kid. She is a first grader. Hayley quickly finds out that first grade is different from kindergarten, but in all the wrong ways! The classroom isn't as bright and colorful. Ms. Gray doesn't seem to smile as much as her kindergarten teacher Ms. Lacey did. The work is hard and there isn't enough time to play outside. Worst of all, her best friend Ryan says he likes first grade! Finally, Hayley has had enough. "First grade stinks!" she shouts. The classroom is suddenly very quiet. "You're in trouble now," Ryan whispers. But to Hayley's surprise Ms. Gray doesn't look mad at all. Young readers will immediately empathize with Hayley and her increasing apprehension, as she tries to negotiate new expectations and challenges on the first day of a new school year.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1  On her first day of first grade, Haley discovers that the routines are much different and decidedly less fun than kindergarten. She gets only one recess, no sharing time, a room without the familiar decorations, a teacher who is less demonstrative than her beloved Ms.

Lacy, and, worst of all, a read-aloud that isn't even finished. Each time Haley discovers another difference she mutters to herself, First grade stinks! Finally, a gentle reprimand for whispering sends Haley into a full-blown meltdown, screaming her mantra of frustration aloud to the entire class. When she lists her complaints to her teacher, Ms. Gray explains about chapter books and reassures her that soon she will be reading them on her own. With her eyes opened to the possibilities ahead, Haley decides that first grade is great. The scratchy, fluid, full-color watercolor-and-ink illustrations feature plenty of white space. Perfect as a read-aloud, this book is a worthy successor to Miriam Cohen's *When Will I Read?* (Dell, 1996). Pair it with Kevin Henkes's *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* (HarperCollins, 1996) for a spot-on depiction of teachers helping kids through rough patches. --Marge Loch-Wouters, Menasha Public Library, WI Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

PreS-Gr. 1. Entering first grade, with its increased structure and emphasis on reading, writing, and math, can be just as difficult a transition as starting kindergarten. Rodman acknowledges some of the changes new first-graders may experience in this book about two friends who loved kindergarten but have different feelings about starting school anew. "We first-graders know how to act," says Ryan when he and Haley cruise by the "poor little kindergartners" as they make their way to their first-grade classroom. It doesn't take long for them to feel the difference: no whispering, only one recess, and lots of work: "Haley, your A's and B's are not the same size. . . . Write them again, please." Soon Haley has had enough. "First grade stinks!" she yells aloud, her face, mouth open wide, taking up most of a page, making sure the point gets across. When her teacher acknowledges her fears, Haley calms down and admits that first grade isn't so bad after all. Ink sketches filled in with splashy watercolors depict a worried, increasingly frazzled Haley as she copes with new challenges in a busy, active classroom. An important book for kids making a pretty tough transition. Stephanie Zvirin Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

My granddaughter found 'First Grade Stinks' a bit negative - I think because there weren't enough positive points made about first grade. After reading the book she was not looking forward to her impending big change. I had to supplement with other reasons first grade was so much better. However, she loved the graphics. -- :) )

My 6 y/o loves it! Asks to read it again and again. I give it 4 stars because for most of the book the little girl has a crap attitude. It does change at the end - but while I was reading for the first time I was thinking to myself, am I going to keep reading this? WTF? But 4 stars because the kid loves it & the girl does change her tune.

I purchased this book for my 1st grade classroom. It will be great at the beginning of the school year when kids are transitioning from kinder to 1st grade. Recommend!

It's a good book for the first day of school. It makes first grade seem a little overly strict and not very fun, but the kids learn soon enough that our classroom isn't quite like the one in the book. There's more to first grade fun than reading a chapter book and not having nap time.

Great book for the first few days of school!!! The kiddos loved it! First grade Rocks!

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First Grade really does stink! Thanks for a fun perspective!

Fun book to read. Appropriate for new first graders.

Greatness! I've taught first grade for 15 years, and this book sums it up.

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