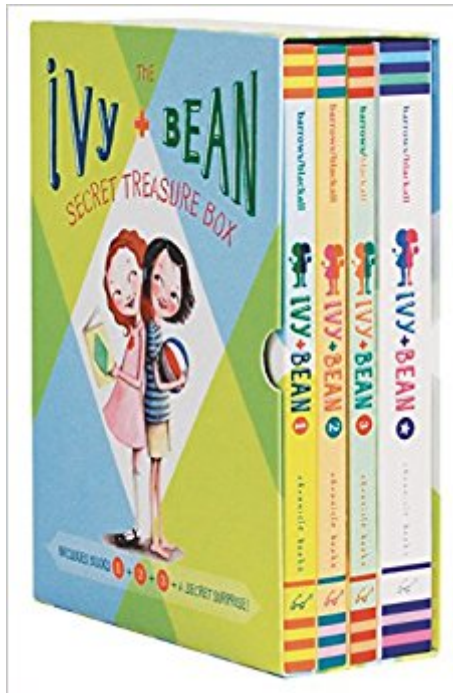




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# Ivy & Bean's Secret Treasure Box (Books 1-3)



## Synopsis

Meet Ivy and Bean, two friends who never meant to like each other. This boxed set is a delightful introduction to these spunky characters. It includes the first three books in the Ivy and Bean series, and a secret treasure-hiding box with a cool surprise inside!

## Book Information

Series: Ivy + Bean

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

"Annie Barrows accomplishes the almost impossible task of reflecting the world of second grader, creating the tension and drama of family and friendships in language that can be read easily by child who recently graduated from easy readers to early chapter books. " - Lisa Von Drasek, Children's Librarian, Bank Street College of Education

Annie Barrows has written many books for adults, but Ivy and Bean is her first series for kids. She lives in Northern California with her husband and two daughters. Sophie Blackall is an Australian illustrator whose previous books include Ruby's Wish and Meet Wild Boars. She lives in New York.

My daughter received these books as a present for her 7th birthday. She is in the 1st grade, and enjoys Magic Rainbow Fairy books and Magic Treehouse books currently. Before she started in on

this set, I decided to read the first chapter to get a "feel" for the book. I ended up reading well past that, because I was immediately concerned with Beans behavior and language. Bean seems a bit mean spirited and drags Ivy down with her. Running away to a neighbors yard in order to not get into trouble doesn't seem to be a good message, regardless of the outcome. And using language like Ivy is Boring, a Dork and her sister Nancy is a Tightwad, doesn't appeal to me. I would rather my child read books where children speak and act respectfully. I let my daughter read the first book, but we had a discussion about Bean's behavior. I used it as a teaching tool of how Not to behave. But I would rather my child read books that present her with a positive role model than a negative one. I know some parents find these books engaging and humorous... but I had quite the opposite reaction. I found them rude and humorless.

My 7 year old daughter is in first grade and a strong reader. She recently discovered a love for chapter books and has been devouring the Junie B Jones series. I've been looking to start her on a new series, and a friend told me Ivy and Bean was really cute. I was surprised to read all the negative reviews on about how mean the characters are. I'm definitely not the prudish type. Honestly, I was thinking people probably just need to lighten up a little. I've been letting my daughter read Junie, so figured these couldn't be much worse. I ordered the books despite the reviews. When they arrived, I read the first book and decided to send them back. It's not that they are a lot worse than Junie (in terms of sassy behavior). It's just that I don't want my daughter to finish one series about a sassy girl and then delve right into another series about sassy girls. I want her to learn to enjoy stories that don't rely on the crude words and naughty behavior. Maybe in another year, when she's had some experience with other books, I will let her read Ivy and Bean, but for now I'm going to try the Ramona books instead. In case you wanted more details about content, the other reviewers pretty much summed it up. The entire first book is about Bean's contempt for her sister and plotting evil things to do to her. They're hurling insults at each other left and right "dork, dweeb, tightwad" etc. I kept waiting for the feel good ending....the moment where Bean and her sister would make up. Finally that moment came. Bean saw her sister crying and started feeling guilty. Then she quickly changed her mind and decided she hated her sister even more. I have attached one of the illustrations directly from the book. This portrays Bean's sister right after Bean and Ivy threw worms on her face. No thanks.

Love these books and so does my 6 year old daughter. Enhances her imagination and gives her an understanding of being a kids is all about. The reader and the child will look forward to reading

every time you open a book to hear more about another and Ivy & Bean adventure. Highly recommend and the price for this box set can't be beat. Truly priceless in adding to your child's collection of books.

My daughter and I are on book 5 of the series. She is six--almost seven--and LOVES them. She can't get enough of them. I am a teacher (a literacy specialist) and am happy whenever a series gets kids "hooked" on reading! That said, Ivy and Bean definitely do not always make the best choices. In the last book we read, they got stuck in an attic while the babysitter was in the bathroom. I have to say, I didn't love that this was portrayed in the book and worry about the power of suggestion. However, it was a good opportunity to talk about such bad choices--which I believe is good to do openly and early with children. I will be sure to continue these conversations while we finish the series TOGETHER. So, between my daughter's absolute love of Ivy and Bean and my literacy specialist "hat" that I wear--I'd give this five stars but the concerned teacher and parent in me has to knock it down to a four star review.

My 8-year-old daughter loves relationship stories. And Ivy & Bean is perfect for her to read on her own as she navigates her first sets of chapter books. I purchased this for her for Christmas and she was delighted to find the "fake book" that hides a secret notebook. Each night she reads a chapter and is deeply invested in the adventures that Ivy and Bean share.

My 6 yr. old grand-daughter loved the stories. I think these two girls are kind of bratty, though. I will get the rest of the series for her.

I LOVE this book series. I stumbled on it on and decided to give it a try. I have not been disappointed and neither have my kids. I have two boys, aged 8 and 6, and a daughter, aged 3.5. All of them equally love this book series - and that's not an easy goal to achieve. These books remind me so much of my own childhood and growing up. They're just full of great stories, spoken in a language that kids can relate to. Every book has another set of great adventures and they always make us laugh. I love reading these books and hearing my kids start giggling because of Ivy and Bean's, well, mostly Bean's, antics. What I think I love the most about these books though is that Ivy and Bean are really modern-day heroines. They are strong-willed, gutsy, give it to the boys, confident young girls. I love that my two rambunctious boys find them hilarious. I get so sick of the princess/fairy culture filled with vapid stories of "girls". My boys are totally disinterested in those

stories, as they should be. But as soon as the new Ivy and Bean book arrives, they pay attention, listen attentively, laugh and just find these two characters so hilarious. The only gripe I have is that they're too short. We get through these in about 2 nights worth of reading. If there's an unabridged edition out there somewhere, I'd love to get my hands on it!

Ivy and Bean books are so enjoyed by my second grade granddaughter. She enjoys collecting them for her shelves and likes to have them handy for rereading.

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