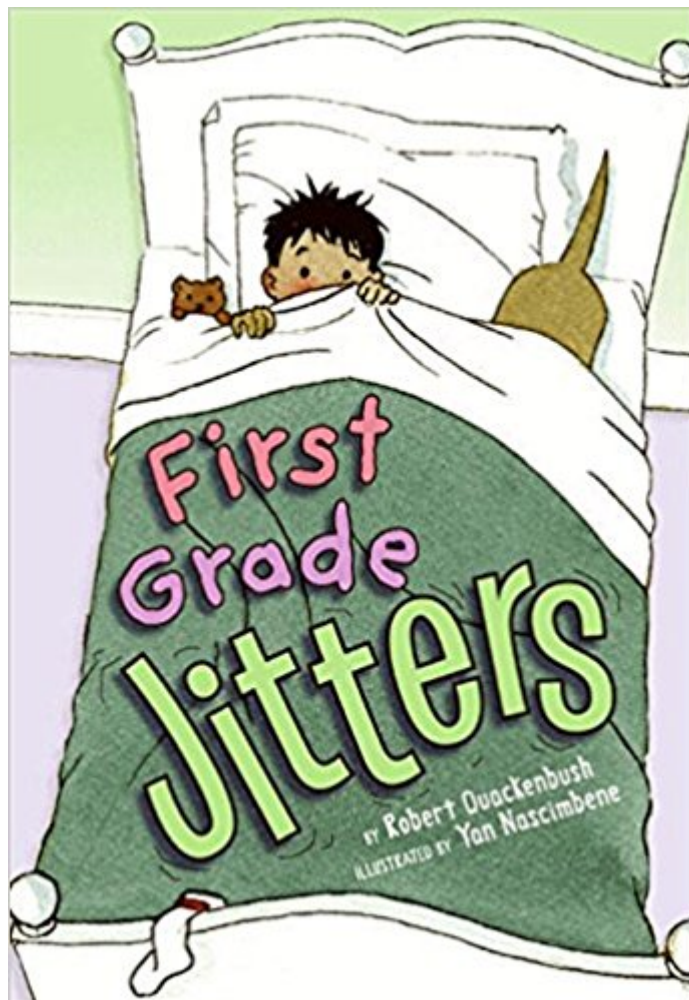


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First Grade Jitters



Synopsis

Here is the story of a young boy who is about to enter first grade and doesn't know quite what to expect. Will his friends be there? Will he have to know how to read and spell? What if he can't understand anything his teacher says? Looks like a case of first grade jitters! Robert Quackenbush and Yan Nascimbene tell a reassuring story that is sure to chase away those jitters for any soon-to-be first grader.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 1 In this newly illustrated title first published in 1982, Aidan worries about first grade. He hasn't seen his kindergarten friends all summer, and he's had plenty of time to imagine the worst about the upcoming school year. Will his friends be in his class? Will he be expected to read and do math problems? And what if I can't understand anything the teacher says? She might say, 'Oogly, boogly.' When I ask her what that means, she might answer, 'Muncha, chumba, zeglipo.' His parents notice that something is wrong, but he refuses to admit his fears. When his friend returns from her summer vacation with reassuring news of their new teacher, he jumps for joy and exclaims, My jitters are gone! The text and pictures explore this common anxiety effectively and with a touch of humor. Full-spread illustrations depict the grumpy protagonist with his perplexed and

annoyed parents, and later, relaxed and jubilant. Aidan's loyal dog and teddy bear mirror his concerns throughout. When he holds up his leg in bed, insisting that he cannot walk and won't be better for the first day of school, his frowning teddy holds up his leg as well. Couple this story with Julie Danneberg's *First Day Jitters* (Charlesbridge, 2000) for another perspective on back-to-school angst. Barbara Auerbach, PS 217, Brooklyn, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

First published in 1982 and now newly illustrated with appealing, uncluttered, paint-and-ink images, this story captures every kid's fear of starting school. At first the boy denies his fear, but after he crawls into bed, the worries begin: What if he can't read or spell or do arithmetic? What if he can't understand the teacher? His fears explode as a temper tantrum in a store when Mom wants to buy him new shoes for school, but later, while playing and talking with his friends, he feels reassured and ready. The jittery scenarios will reach many kids facing a big change. Grades K-1.

--Hazel Rochman

My grandson has older cousins who had said they don't like school. By the night before first grade he was sure it was going to be horrible. I read the story to him at bedtime, so glad we read early. He had to reread it to me after the first time. Then we had a great conversation about what to expect. He went to bed being excited about going to school. Great read for your first grader.

The boy I bought this book for doesn't have any first grade jitters, and I worried that it would give him some. I would only recommend this if a child truly is experiencing some anxiety pre-first grade. If not, there are plenty of other books on this subject to match high levels of excitement and anticipation.

Granddaughter liked it. Helped her feel better about starting first grade too. Can't think of anything else to say but have to fill the field!!!!

Perfect for the first day! The kids learned a new vocabulary word on the first day of school. The next day we read *First Day Jitters* and made comparisons. I can't wait to read *The 100th Day Surprise!* with my kids.

I purchased this book for my 1st grade classroom. I plan to use it the first week of school to help

limit nervousness in my students. Recommend!

great condition

Loved that the story portrays real worries of a kindergartener going to 1st grade!

Perfect story to read to first graders at the start of the school year! We did a compare and contrast with the book "First Day Jitters."

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