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***BenBee and the Teacher Griefer* by K.A. Holt**

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*Age Range: 10 and up (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

The Kids Under the Stairs: BenBee and the Teacher Griefer is a funny, clever novel-in-verse series about Ben Bellows—who failed the Language Arts section of the Florida State test—and three classmates who get stuck in a summer school class. But these kids aren't dumb—they're divergent thinkers, as Ms. J tells them: they simply approach things in a different way than traditional school demands. Soon, the kids win over Ms. J with their passion for Sandbox, a Minecraft-type game. The kids make a deal with Ms. J: every minute they spend reading aloud equals one minute they get to play Sandbox in class. But when the administration finds about this unorthodox method of teaching, Ben B. and his buds have to band together to save their teacher's job—and their own academic future.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Each young character has an expansive life outside the classroom that affects their academic performance and self-image. In addition to loss, a shared feeling is frustration in trying hard and still not measuring up. Over time, the relationships they form change them all. . . . Well-developed characters populate a heartwarming tale.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- New Mexico Land of Enchantment Reading List
- NCTE Notable Poetry Books Reading List
- Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award Nominee
- Spirit of Texas Reading Program Reading List
- Texas Institute of Letters Literary Award Finalist
- Vermont Golden Dome Award Master list
- Writers League of Texas Middle Grade and YA Finalist

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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