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The Complete Wreck (A Series Of Unfortunate Events, Books 1-13)



Synopsis

Some boxes should never be opened. For the first time, the complete A Series of Unfortunate Events “including the highly feared #13: The End” is available in one awful package! We can't keep you from succumbing to this international bestselling phenomenon, but we can hide all thirteen books in a huge, elaborately illustrated, shrink-wrapped box, perfect for filling an empty shelf or deep hole. From The Bad Beginning to The End, this box set, adorned with Brett Helquist art from front to back, is the only choice for people who simply cannot get enough of a bad thing! Ages 10+

Book Information

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Action & Adventure

Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

Customer Reviews

I'm not going to add anything as to the content of this fantastic series of books, as this is already well covered in other reviews. But I wanted to say something about the quality of the offering. Another reviewer claims the quality is "awful", and in particular complains about the cut of the pages. With the greatest respect, my view is pretty much the opposite. I bought the first book in the UK edition, and then ordered the US box set. The US editions found the box set are much much nicer, with cloth bound spines, gorgeous covers, end papers and beautiful thick paper. Yes, the paper is cut irregularly, but that, surely, is the point? It adds to the considerable charm of the books.

Both my daughters, ages 12 and 9 are enjoying these books. My oldest daughter never wants to read anything I suggest, but she loves these books. She had 187 AR points during the last report period thanks in great part to this series. Even my youngest daughter was so enthralled by the books that she is reading them on her own (she usually only wants to read "easy" books). I believe these are the longest books she has read by herself. That's why we love Lemony Snicket!!!

I have read a lot in my ten years of life, but out of all those books, A Series Of Unfortunate Events have been the best. Some of it is funny, some of it is scary, and some of it is a little weird. If you mix that all together, you get 13 wonderful books. I wouldn't recommend it for kids under 10 though, because like I said it is scary, although it's not always as scary as Lemony Snicket says it is. Some of it is a little violent, actually. Other than that they are great books. Oh, and people have been complaining about how some of the pages are uneven. That is how they are supposed to be! The End still leaves you with some questions, but when you find out the answer to a question you like, "O MY GOSH! VFD!" And some times Lemony Snicket does something very unexpected, like in the 6th book when Esme Squalor pushes them down the dark elevator shaft, the next 2 pages were nothing but black, which was very scary because then I was reading in the car at night with no light but my book light. There are 2 reasons I am going to stop now. Reason #1: That is pretty much all you need to know, and Reason #2 My hands ache from typing for 20 minutes straight. BYE BYE AND HAPPY READING!! :)

First of all I would like to say that I absolutely LOVE Lemony Snicket, especially "A Series of Unfortunate Events", I mean why else would I buy The Complete Wreck with ALL thirteen books included?! (Just kidding, kind of). The truth is I have loved the Lemony Snicket books since I was a child, and I purchased this box set as an early birthday present for my nephew (he is only three years old, but I'm such a proud uncle that I can't WAIT for him to learn how to read). Well enough fangirling (not sure what the male term for being a "fangirl" is) the reason I only gave 4 stars was because in 2006 when "The End" came out and this box set was released, I was expecting a poster inside of the cast of "The Marvelous Marriage" (from "The Bad Beginning" - book the first) it has been advertised that this poster would be included in the box set, however when the box was opened, no poster was inside :(kind of a let down, as the poster was more for my nephew than for me. (Trust me, as a TRUE Snicket fan, I have seen this poster countless times, on many different websites, but including the poster from "The Marvelous Marriage" would have been the icing on the cake for a PERFECT box set) I hope that somehow, someday I can get this poster in my grasp,

and laminate it perfectly for my baby nephew. However; since I've read all the books myself (more than once) I can't wait for my nephew to dive into these books, maybe ask me questions about the plot?! Or just try to figure it out for himself?! Or MAYBE... (Just maybe?!) he will try to get in contact with Mr. Lemony Snicket?? (Hmmmm... One can dream). ALL THAT MATTERS; is that I can't WAIT to see what he gets out of these books at such a young age, and when he finishes reading, it'll be time to introduce him to "All The Wrong Questions" :) :) :) yes, I am literally THAT obsessed! Thank you for taking the time to read my review!With All Due Respect,Dalton Tannehill

The first few books are wonderful. Clever witty and well written. Halfway through series it looks like writer got tired of series because style changes, stories become pedestrian (last book dull beyond belief), and no more humor. See others' ratings on individual books in series to see what I mean. Glad I got it on sale for Christmas because I'd be furious if I'd paid full price only to discover how bad writing & stories get in last few books of what began as a great series. First 6-7 books worth 5* each, final 5-6 worth 3, sometimes 4. Average for entire set: 4*

I loved reading this Series. It is amazing how talented Lemony Snicket is to write an amazing series of books. The plots are very mysterious, and puzzling, especially with Count Olaf's urge to steal the Baudelaire fortune. I do not want to give away the rest of the story. I am on the 7th book, The Vile Village, and it is excellent so far. I would consider reading them in order, from Book 1 to 13, because you will understand more and more about Count Olaf and his plans before. I have a friend that reads them out of order, but say it does not matter since each is a different story. I definitely recommend this to any reader who loves puzzling, and suspenseful books, or one who just adores reading a series.

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