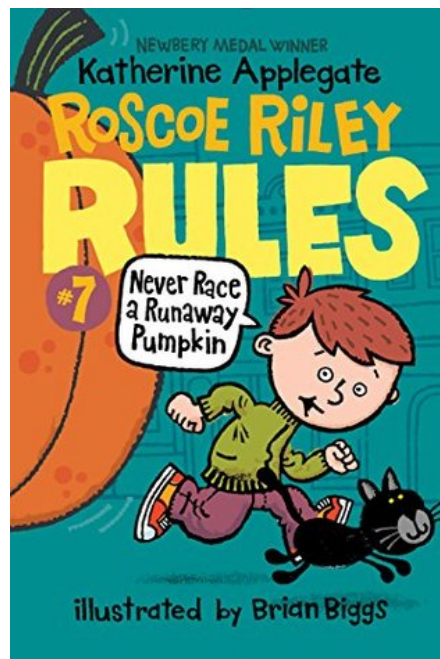




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Pumpkin Contest

If Roscoe guesses the weight of a giant pumpkin, he'll be a winner! Easy, right? But a little black cat keeps trying to cross his path! Will the bad-luck kitty ruin Roscoe's chance to win?

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Anna says

1. SUMMARY – Roscoe Riley has a serious problem. He just learned about superstition in class and needs to figure out how to keep himself from being a victim to the crossing of a black cat. Unfortunately, this cat stands in the way of a guesstimating contest about the weight of a ginormous pumpkin.
 2. GENRE – This is an example of a realistic contemporary fiction because this story deals with the ordinary situations.
 3. LITERARY CONCEPTS – character, problem, flashback
 4. TRAITS – Voice, Word Choice
 5. Interest/ grade level – 1st -4th/ 3rd
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Dolly says

This is a fun story about superstitions and estimation, hopes and fears. I like that the mathematical concept about approximating weight is explained throughout the story and that different superstitions are discussed. This book is the seventh in the Roscoe Riley Rules series, although we haven't read any of the other books.

We enjoyed listening to the book narrated on CD by Jared Goldsmith. We didn't read the book, but we recognized Brian Biggs's cover art from his Brownie and Pearl series with Cynthia Rylant.

Linda says

Very cute series! My son loved it and couldn't wait to read another one! (And he hates reading so this is awesome).

Jackie says

When a silly superstition (does a black cat crossing your path really mean seven years bad luck?) gets in the way of Roscoe Riley guessing (really estimating with lots of thought) the weight of the giant pumpkin at the bookstore, Riley lets the cat get the better of him (or does she?). A silly, funny story about how superstitions can weigh on a little kid's mind and almost stop him from doing the things he wants to do most!

The narrator was wonderful...lots of inflection and changing of voices to make the story come alive! Watch out for those monstrously big pumpkins (and black cats).

zapkode says

{My Thoughts} – In this last book Roscoe ends up in time out for not being honest to his sister and his parents. It's about a pumpkin weight guessing contest at the local book store. While they are there his sister finds a kitten. His sister really wants the kitten but he tells her he overheard someone saying the kitten already had a home and of coarse that wasn't the truth and he ended up getting into trouble.

This is the last book in the series as far as I know. I really enjoyed reading them, they are short beginner readers that are fairly entertaining to younger children. They are mostly geared towards boys and remind me of the Junie B. Jones series that is geared towards girls in the same age group.

I highly recommend this book for any child that is having a difficult time engaging in the book world. It has a nice lesson about following the rules and it has humor, which makes for a nice read.

Beth Kakuma-Depew says

My son has made up a theme song for these books, just in case, you know, they get made into a TV show. "Roscoe Riley Rules the Universe...da,da,da,..."

more laugh-out loud fun. I think we will be reading the whole series.

Simone says

loved discussion about superstitions and the importance of the library, good to use during Halloween with estimation of a pumpkin

Toni Pope says

I preread some of my kids scholastic reading counts books, to try to help them better understand it. This series is definitely one of the very best, these books are great.

Christian says

Well you already know i'm in time out again. Now I know what your thinking what did roscoe do this time? Well let me tell you. Roscoe is at school and his teacher is talking to the class on learning about estimation. Also the janitor is on a ladder in the back of the classroom changing light bulbs. Mean while roscoe's friend Gus found a penny under the janitor's ladder and dive's for it. Roscoe screams out no Gus don't go under the ladder or else you will have bad luck for 7 years. Ms. Diz Roscoe's teacher said now we have another thing to learn about children. Ms. Diz told them that bad luck and good luck is called superstition. Then Ms. Diz and the class started talking about superstition and telling stories. When the class went down to the school library for reading time with Mr. Page they were going to read a book about pumpkins and then he just remembered that there is a estimating contest at hillside library on saturday. The contest was about

estimating the weight on a gigantic pumpkin. The winner of the contest will get books for there school library and a bunch of candy for themselves. Everyone was excited about the contest. When Roscoe got home he asked his mom if he could go to the hillside library for his estimated guess on how much the gigantic pumpkin weighs?when they got to the library Roscoe, his big brother Max, and Roscoe's little sister Hazel took a big glance at the pumpkin and they were surprised it was the coolest and biggest thing roscoe had ever seen. They went inside to write down their guess. Max, and Hazel already finished but Roscoe still didn't write down his answer. Before he could finish thinking Hazel found a black cat. Roscoe was frightened because his uncle Ed told him that when a black cat crosses your path you'll have bad luck Hazel wanted the cat so much that she beg and beg and beg to her mom and dad and they said that they will think about it. The next day Roscoe's dad took him to the library to finish his answer Roscoe put an answer of 964 pounds because the pumpkin weighed more than a medium sized pumpkin but less than Ms. Diz. On saturday they had announced the winner and it was Roscoe Riley. Then the black cat came Roscoe accidentally bumped into the pumpkin and it rolled down the hill and smashed into a staue. So basically thats what happened also roscoe finally learned never to trust uncle Ed when it come to superstition. Also the family also adopted the black cat from the library. See yah.

Anish Surepeddi says

This Series Was A Hot Commodity For All Classes In Early Elementary School. I Re-read the series and didn't like it as much now. It Is Meant For Young Kids And A Good Pick For Starter Chapter Book Readers.

Joenna says

My favorite part in this book was on the very last page "10 Useful Things I Learned At the Bookstore"

1. If you knock over the giant stack of Harry Potters, be sure to say sorry to the bookstore lady. Then she will say, "That's okay, sweetheart."
 2. If you pop a pop-up book so much that it stops popping, be sure to say your're extra sorry to the bookstore lady. Then she will say, "That's okay." She will also ask, "Who is keeping an eye on you sweetheart?"
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yahya says

its nice for kids age rage three and the Arthur wrote The One And Only Ivan

JMV says

Fun

Regan says

0.6 pts

Lincoln says

Cool, funny, silly, !
