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Uh-oh. Brownie and Pearl are in trouble! They were having a great time racing around the house until—oops—they knocked the radio off the table. Someone is NOT happy about their little accident. Luckily these plucky pals have a clever and sweet Brownie-and-Pearl style solution to make good on their mishap!

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Teré Mashburn says

Text-to-World Connection:

This book reminds me of trying to "make right". We all have times or situations where we did something wrong. Generally we feel bad about out and attempt to fix the problem, or "make good". Depending on the severity of the wrongful act would determine how much effort you put in to making up for the wrong. At times the wrong can be fixed, but in some cases it cannot. And ultimately, regardless of how we try to make right, it does not always change the outcome.

Caitlin Day says

The pictures are really nice and colorful. The story is pretty much saying that if you do something wrong that you need to make it up some how. In this case they broke the radio by not listening to rules of not running in the house and broke the radio. So Brownie and Pearl try to do a lot of things to make up for breaking the radio. It's a good lesson for children to understand that they need to follow rules and what to do if they break the rules.

Rachel says

I haven't been crazy about this series, but it was something relatable for my 3 year old to practice reading.

The message of this book is if you tear up something because of carelessness you:

1. have to clean for punishment (as opposed to cleaning as a habit of discipline)
2. can do something cute and it erases the deed

A ridiculous message to send to kids.

Layla & Rachel says

We had never read any of the Brownie & Pearl series by Cynthia Rylant. And while we didn't hate the story, it definitely wasn't anything special.

In *Brownie & Pearl Make Good*, one of them is a cat and one of them is a girl. We are not sure which is which. We hope that Brownie is the cat. Anyway. Not important. Another thing that is probably not important is the radio that gets broken and sets up the plot (do picture books really have a plot?). This radio looks like it belongs in the 1970s. It's probably not important, but the book was published in 2012. Maybe we should use some updated technology.

So anyway. The cat and the girl break the 1970s radio (seriously, a spring falls out of it) so they have to tidy

to make up for it. But tidying does not make up for the broken (1970s) radio. So they (spoiler!) sing (*They sing and sing and sing. Who needs a radio?*) And then everyone's happy.

We're just going to put this thought out there though. If Layla breaks Rachel's iPod, singing will not make up for it.

Eleanor W says

great early readers!

Alice says

Great early reader for little girls. The pictures are absolutely adorable, the story is cute, and I think I love Brownie and Pearl. Brownie is a girly girl no doubt but she still is up for an adventure! She breaks the radio, and she does her best (as a kid can) to make up for it. I doubt any kid has money to go by a new one, so she does chores, and sings and sings. Who really needs a radio. Cute one!

Caryn Caldwell says

While running too fast through the house, Brownie and Pearl accidentally break Brownie's mom's radio. Since they can't replace it, they have to "make good" by doing some tidying. But it's not until they do something spontaneously cute and joyful that Brownie's mom truly forgives them.

This cute story addresses the idea of repairing the damage when you make a mistake, even if you can't put everything back the way it used to be. The colorful pictures, true-to-life little girl, and adorable kitty make this my pre-schooler's new favorite book.

Briony says

Another cute story about Brownie and Pearl. However, like many other readers of the book, was unsure of how tidying up is related to breaking a radio (I understood how Rylant linked Brownie and Pearl singing with cleaning, but why have them clean as punishment?). I probably would have preferred the story to revolve around one theme.

Meredith says

Brownie (the little girl) and Pearl (her cat) break a radio playing ball in the house and then have "to tidy up" as punishment.

The Brownie & Pearl series in which the odd idiomatic phrases "get dolled up," "go for a spin," "grab a bite," "hit the hay," "make good," "see the sights," "step out," and "take a dip" are illustrated and explored is

extremely cute and a hit with toddler girls. However, my husband and I find the lack of parental supervision is somewhat disturbing.

Liz Todd says

Love these books! So sweet. Brownie and Pearl accidentally break mom's radio. They "make good" by cleaning up the house. The radio is not fixable and must be thrown out.

Close reading: What can you do to fix a mistake? Are all mistakes fixable?

Jean Odom says

My daughter has all of the Brownie and Pearl books. Although she is almost 10 now and has graduated to reading long novels, she still loves the beautiful pictures and sweet stories of the Brownie and Pearl series. We had many a wonderful story time before bed reading them and they are a treasured collection.

Alice says

Mommy review:

Not my favorite in this series. Usually Brownie and Pearl do something more concrete. Although I do appreciate that it is imparting a message, I just like the previous books better. I am just not sure she really gets it. We did talk about it.

Alice thinks they spring from the broken radio is a slinky.

Vicki says

A good book for the Tiny Tots Class - text is short and pictures are cute. The subject matter is something all children can relate to - running through the house usually doesn't end up in a good way.

Laura Walker says

Brownie and Pearl get into some trouble when they break the radio by running in the house. Mom is not happy with Brownie and Pearl. Now they must help clean the house. The radio still can't be fixed so they begin to sing. Mom is no longer mad at them. They have made up for accidentally breaking the radio. i think this would be a very good book to teach to young children. You could give them a chance to understand the theme of the book. It shows Brownie and Pearl and how they feel bad about breaking the radio and want to do anything in their power to make their mom happy again. It is good to show children that if they hurt someones feelings, or do something wrong, they should always try and do something to make it better.

Meg says

Love Brownie and Pearl. This isn't a terribly original one, though it's an interesting way of introducing kids to the old-timey language/concept of "making good."
