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When a potato sack race goes awry, Bella and Ben find themselves bumped from their familiar page into uncharted territory. It's a brave new world of lollipops and sphinxes—and Bella and Ben are on one page-turning adventure. How will they find their way back into their very own book?

We're in the Wrong Book! Details

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From Reader Review We're in the Wrong Book! for online ebook

Vivian says

Children and adults alike enjoyed this book which I shared in a story time about being LOST. This would also work well for library tours. Two children and a dog are whisked OUT of their own story book into a CONCEPT book, then into a COMIC book, then into an INFORMATION book, then into a book of GAMES, a FAIRY TALE book, a HOW TO book, a PUZZLE book, a SCARY book, and they finally find their way back to their own story.

Kate Everett says

One day Bella and Ben bounce clean out of their own story book and so begins a fun adventure as they travel through all sorts of different books, from counting to comic books, to find their way back.

I really enjoyed reading this - it stretches the conventional story book boundaries and gives the characters limitless freedom to play with the rules - they can float up and away within one book, rip a page to enter another and pick up items within the pages. This concept has been done before (eg. Open Very Carefully, a Book with Bite! by Nicola O'Byrne) but I liked the inclusion of the other types of books; it is interactive and there are lots of opportunities for communication around existing knowledge such as counting and fairy tales and potentially new topics such as Ancient Egypt. You can even practise a bit of origami along the way.

The lettering is large, the language simple and the accompaniment of attractive full page illustrations make it a fun book to read, a simple story but good value.

Kirjapallo says

What an excellent idea! Bella and Ben are living in a picture book, but Bella's dog accidentally pushes them into a children's counting book. They try to find the right book and on the way they see a comic book, history book, puzzle book, fairy tale book, craft book, spot the difference book, scary book... Will they ever find back home??

Nicola says

Miss 3 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

This was a random picture book that I chose. It's a fun book where the characters move from book to book (although in a different way to Fish and Snail). Miss 3 thought it was ok.

Ana Calabresi says

I loved the second Bella book as much as I loved This book just ate my dog. Too bad this won't work for storytime though.

Mehsi says

Een grappig boek die heerlijk de 4th wall breekt. :)

Misschien schrijf ik straks een langere review.

Stefanie Burns says

A bit confusing especially on the comic book page. Some kids will definitely have trouble tracking the text. It does introduce kids to lots of different types of books and it's a great jumping of point to discuss the differences in books: pictures vs illustrations, coloring in illustrations, panels, etc.

Miles says

Help! Ben and Bella are stuck in the wrong book!

Anna says

Although young kids may not be able to recognize all the different literary genres, the conceit of this book is still really cool.

Arja-täti says

Söin kuormasta. Uusia hyllyjä täyttäessäni löysin tämän. En tiennyt, että tähän sarjaan on meillä useampi. Joten luin siellä hyllyjen välissä.

Loistava kirja, vaikka tätä ei tarvitsekaan ravistaa. Nyt suomennos!

Caren Levin says

Title: We're in the Wrong Book!

Author: Richard Byrne

Illustrator: Richard Byrne

Genre: Postmodern Picture Book

Theme(s): Humor, Children

Opening line/sentence: "Bella and Ben were jumping down the street, from one side of the book... to the other."

Brief Book Summary: Bella and Ben, two young children, were hopping around in gunnysacks and end up hopping into a variety of different genres of books. They walk through a counting book, a historical book, to a maze activity and so many other genres. Finally, the two children run through a mystery book and end up back in their original book, just as they started.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

Carrie Han Hung (Children's Literature)

"Bella and Ben were jumping and racing in gunnysacks down the street (or across the scene of their book) when Bella's large, furry dog knocked them into a portal to a counting book layout featuring nine, rainbow-colored pencils and ten lollipops. The pair tries to leap back into their own book but end up in a comic book where a cat is chasing a mouse. The cat and mouse take a break from the chase to help Ben and Bella locate a librarian for assistance. Although Bella and Ben follow the librarian's directions, they end up wandering in other genres of books, including folk tale Little Red Riding Hood. Bella and Ben also enter a book with complete instructions to make a paper boat in which they sail on their journey to find their book. Next, the twosome find themselves in a hot air balloon that they hope takes them in the direction they need to go. Finally, a monster scares them back into their book and the story concludes with a funny ending. Children may enjoy a few of the puzzle-like pages, like the maze and picture comparison activity. Readers may be already familiar with Byrnes style and humor from his earlier book featuring the same characters."

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

Holt (Horn Book)

"Bella and Ben's dog bumps them out of their book and into another. They wend their way through the spreads of a counting book, comics, a puzzle book, a folk tale, an instructional manual, and others in an effort to get back. Byrne's second meta jaunt (*This Book Just Ate My Dog*) could serve as a clever introduction to book genres and illustration styles"

Response to Two Professional Reviews:

Both reviewers write about how clever and engaging this book is with young readers. It's a great way of introducing young readers to different types of genres such as folk tales, counting books, mysteries, etc. They mention how the book also incorporates humor by having Bella and Ben's dog be the ending picture to the story. Overall, the reviewers enjoy Byrnes writing techniques, ideas and think his books are very appropriate for young readers.

Evaluation of Literary Elements:

The colors and illustrations in this postmodern picture book are really appealing and vivid. They are pleasing to look at, especially when comparing the different types of genres (counting book to mystery). The drawings are also very simplistic and carry lots of character. Along with the illustrations, the dialogue is also very engaging and easy to follow. It does involve some interpreting, however, the font, color and vocabulary is not too frustrating for young readers. As the reader looks at the pictures and setting of the story, they are easily able to identify the genre of book and interpret what is happening.

Consideration of Instructional Application:

I would use this book to introduce the concept of different genres to my students. We could read through this book and pick out a few genres that look familiar or we think we have heard of. Then, the students could write a book using the format of their favorite genre. Another activity could be having the students dramatize

the story. The students could get into pairs and try to act how they think Bella and Ben are behaving in each type of genre.
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Kathy (Kindle-aholic) says

Very cute book. Illustrations are fantastic. 2 characters from a story are bounced out of their book into the pages of another. Counting books, fairytales, puzzle books, and origami book, a comic book, and so on as they try to find their way back to the right book.

The kids love books with characters that break the 4th wall and know that they are being read in a book.

Becky B says

Bella and Ben accidentally get bumped off the page by Bella's dog...and into the wrong book. Finding their way back to their own book is proving challenging but is definitely not dull for readers.

Bella and Ben stumble through a wide variety of book types before eventually making it back to their own. Kids should enjoy seeing where they end up next. Another creative book with two characters who have the strangest problems in their stories.

Ben Truong says

We're in the Wrong Book is a children's picture book written and illustrated by Richard Byrne and the second in the *Bella and Ben* Series, which cleverly tells a story about Bella and her friend Ben who gets accidentally knocked off a page of a book!

The text is simplistic and straightforward. It is a humorous story about Bella and Ben, her friend, being knocked off a page in their book and their journey through many pages and books to find home. It is rather inventive, ingenious, and just plain fun using the book as a character. The illustrations are simply wonderful and represent the text rather well.

The premise of the book is rather straightforward. Bella, Ben and her dog were having a sack race, when Bella's dog tripped and knocked Bella and Ben off the page of the book. They ended up in a counting book and they correctly deduced that they were in the wrong book. They go through a comic book, a history book, a puzzle book, a fairy tale, an origami book, and an activity book in order to find their way home. This book notches up the reader's interactive participation even higher as there are practically something the reader could do in almost every book they visit.

All in all, *We're in the Wrong Book!* is a wonderfully written and interactive children's book about a girl, her best friend, her dog, and a wayward book.

Sarah says

Based on the cover I didn't think I was going to like this, but it ended up being quite funny, as the kids bump through different types of books trying to make it back to their own book. I really like the part when the librarian points out the way to them because it sounds like an interaction I've had with my students.

Bonus: can do the games and activities on the pages that the kids are in that kind of book
