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Good Granny/Bad Granny

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Synopsis

This mischievous gift book celebrates grandmothers who, to their families’ absolute delight or utter dismay, love to spoil their grandchildren rotten. Each spread features two illustrated scenarios: on the left, a good granny (enforcing 6:00 PM bath time), and on the right, a bad granny (letting the kiddies run through the sprinkler instead). It’s the perfect present for grandmas gone bad (or, okay, good) and the families that adore them.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading it! Good Granny / Bad Granny. It’s fabulous. I, [an old guy] love children’s books. And as such, I am not sure who will love this book more, the kids being read to, or the adults that are reading it to them! The latter will be snickering, and alternating between nodding and shaking their heads. The kids will just be giggling. Maybe, like the legendary Flintstones cartoon, it isn’t even MEANT for children! "Good Granny prepares nourishing lunches of salads and whole wheat bread." "Bad Granny orders fried chicken by the bucket, with a side order of fries." "Good Granny takes her grandchildren to the mall to shop for educational toys." "Bad Granny takes them to the mall and teaches them to max out their parents’ credit cards." The above examples are two of my favorites in this new book. Written by Mary McHugh, and wonderfully illustrated by Patricia Storms. With each turn of the page, a reader, [or listener] is greeted by a new dichotomy of the ages-old conflict between Good and Evil.... no, not so much "evil" ' just bad. Good to the left. " Bad to the right. And no, not so much "bad" even, as "flawed". Or hmmm... delightfully misguided! As so
many grannies tend to be. Let’s face it, it’s the bad grannies that give us the giggle-moments. In fact, this is perhaps the only downside to this book. It is sure to engender a two-fold conundrum. Firstly, kids will wish that their "good" or even half-bad grannies were a bit more badder. And secondly, "good" or even half-good grannies will be reading and thinking, “You know. That second scenario does sound like a lot more fun!” "Good Granny takes her children to the science museum and walks them through the giant model of the beating heart." "Bad granny takes her grandchildren to Daytona Beach and drives them around the track at 180 miles per hour."

This is super cute. It's kind of a long book and more for the granny than the child. There are a lot of references that most small children would not understand. Nothing dirty or anything. My mother and mother in law found it amusing.

I got this gift for my Grandmother for Christmas. I would recommend this to anyone that has a Grandmom with a sense of humor. Be prepared to tell your Granny which one you think she is once she finishes, I know my grandma asked me :) Overall, it’s a cute gift and a fun, short read.

The book is a great read, it very funny and great for any grandmother. However, when I received the book, the cover paper was tearing away from the spine. When I opened it to read it, it ripped even more.

This little book is cleverly written with cute illustrations. Any new Granny will appreciate the humor unless they are not able to share the role of being a grandmother with the "other" side of the family. With that said let’s just say that this little book points out that all grandmothers will have a space in their little ones lives - even though some may be more colorful than others.

I thought the book, Good Granny, Bad Granny, was quite hilarious. I bought one for myself and a few more for friends. I would say that I am probably more in the "bad" Granny category, which I believe is a good thing! Anyone who still bakes a lot, stays home a lot, or is very domestic in any way, would probably not get as much enjoyment as I from this book.

Reading it from a parent’s perspective, I would not recommend. If a child has more than one grandmother, the child may pick up on the use of the words "good" or "bad" to describe their grandmother(s), which may cause one or the other to have resentment or hurt feelings if the child
chooses to use those words ("I read a book that says you’re a BAD granny!"). Perhaps instead of "good/bad," words such as "serious/silly" should have been used? As I read through it, some of the comparisons seemed oddly specific, like the writer had an ax to grind about a "bad" granny and tried to publish this book to voice their opinions in a passive-aggressive way. Examples: "Good Granny takes her grandchildren on nature walks..." while "Bad Granny takes her grandchildren for walks in the city and points out...every restaurant with a prix fixe under $20.""When Good Granny babysits, she says...you don’t have to get back early for me" but when "Bad Granny babysits, she says...be sure to be back in time for my yoga class.""Good Granny never misses a christening, confirmation..." while "Bad Granny is always on a cruise whenever a grandchild is christened, confirmed...but she sends big checks to make up for it.""Good Granny has an occasional glass of Chardonnay..." but "Bad Granny drinks really good wine at dinner every night, then tells her grandchildren drinking is bad for them." The book wasn’t funny or cute. It comes across as mean-spirited and sad.

I bought one for my self and one of my grandchildren’s other granny. (She’s the good one!) I loved this. Mary McHugh is the expert at staying young while growing old.

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