



The Day Louis Got Eaten

by John Fardell

Another humorous book for adults and children! This book is a perfect story to share with siblings as both the older sister and the younger brother must work together. Both are important to a happy ending as they use their cleverness and skills to help each other out of dangerous situations. John Fardell's creative plot focuses on themes, such as: problem-solving and sibling loyalty.

John Fardell's humor will remind you of Dr. Seuss as he creates words and animals. Fardell morphs verbs into the names of his fictional beasts, such as the **Gulper** and the **Grabular**. He gives Louis's sister a bicycle that morphs into a machine capable of floating, rock climbing, and flight. The First Reading will be great fun, exploring the details in his pen, ink, and watercolor illustrations.

The Reading Comprehension Best Practice that goes well with *The Day Louis Got Eaten* is **Visualizing**. Since Mr. Fardell is both the author and illustrator of this story, a Third Reading Activity Option is to talk about how Mr. Fardell **visualizes** such delightfully silly monsters as the Gulper and magnificent machines like Sarah's bicycle. The illustrations are rich with details that aren't in the text. Enjoy looking at the extra details, including a hint of the appearance of a new creature before it fully appears in the text. Additional details such as burps and hiccups add to the **visualizations**, making this a full sensory experience. Your child will love dramatizing the burps and the hiccups that are essential to the plot.

As Dr. Seuss said, "I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells."