

Book Feedback

From Barbara Jaenicke: mother, landscape artist and art teacher

"I think the whole concept and potential series is great! And I've always thought your photos were hysterical. Based on what I've seen on the market for the past 5 years, I don't see any reason why this book (and series) wouldn't sell. It will have visual appeal to both the child and the parent, and the story line on this first one teaches a lesson...parents always like that. And children always like stories with animals doing silly things. I think that using the photos of real animals, with real expressions, inserted into a silly story is a perfect combination...I do think it can work."

From: Nancy Paul
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 9:17 PM
To: The Fontaines

Very entertaining. I loved the pictures to illustrate the story. I will send this along to Dinah, my daughter-in-law when she returns to her home.

From: Amy French
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 9:10 PM
To: The Fontaines

WOW! I love it!

What about the part where he poops? ;-)

From: Stacy Bunch
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 3:22 PM
To: thefontaines@bellsouth.net

That is AWESOME about the book Michelle! I will be praying for that for sure! I can't wait to hear more about it. Then when it is a best-seller, you will have to come to visit my school as an author! The students will eat it up!!! Please keep me updated on it!!! I promise to keep it under wraps.

From: Julie Fabregas
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2009 12:47 PM
To: The Fontaines

Hey! We have been reading Rhubarb EVERY night...Jorge thinks it is a very cool story! However, on page 3 every time I read it I change the intonation on the last sentence.

This is how it is now: "Where did he get THOSE?"
This is how I read it: "Where did HE get those?"

....just a little feedback!

Jorge loves the pictures and thinks they are funny!!

We cant wait to have a signed copy of the book and we pray that this project is a total success! I can almost see a Rhubarb stuffed animal on the shelves of Barnes & Noble!
Yay

From: Kirstin Elliott
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 2:46 PM
To: The Fontaines

wow! I'm SO impressed - it looks awesome! What a great way to integrate all your great photos, too. You're so creative. I'm very proud of you...don't give up! Lauren says, "Can we see another page? I want to see more pages. That what I'd like, more pages. I love all the pages. It's pretty good! She wants to send us some more pages." (I'm typing this verbatim!) kle

(Lauren is 5)

From: Suzy Davis
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 3:03 PM
To: thefontaines@bellsouth.net
Subject: Your book

Michelle,
When you mentioned this idea to me in the spring, I thought it was a great idea. Your critter pictures on facebook have been so entertaining and you have the graphic background needed to make the book happen. It's great to see that this is a mother/daughter project, too. I wish much success to you (and your mom) in this venture. I am so glad that you have chosen to dive right in and chase your dream!
Suzy

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2009 10:27 PM
To: Michelle Elliott Fontaine
Subject: Laura Braunecker sent you a message on Facebook...

"I love the book! wow, how cool. I can't believe you have wild kingdom in your back yard. You should think of an online book, not sure if that exists, that incorporates some of the videos. The popcorn video was absolutely adorable! I am sure you will get some bites from publishers. Haven't read to Owen but will let you know the results."

Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 4:49 PM
To: Michelle Elliott Fontaine
Subject: Elizabeth Bame replied to a thread on Facebook...

"I love the book - it's so cute. What a great idea. Can't wait to see it in my local bookstore."

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 7:45 AM
To: Michelle Elliott Fontaine
Subject: Paulo Ruben sent you a message on Facebook...

Hi Michelle,

I love the story and in my opinion found various moral and etiquette lessons within which benefit kids. I assume a child can relate to the innocent mistakes of Rhubarb and almost predict the worst possible consequential outcome of the various actions. Yet I think you best suggested, consciously or not, favourable and peaceful actions throughout.

I found a couple of hiccups as I read my kids...and they thoroughly enjoyed.

I also read the story with and without your illustrations.

1. Why are Rubarbs friends already awake? Do they get up earlier?
2. He is always the first to be found the picture is funny, but without a picture??? Makes a bit of a wuss??? Just wondering if there is another reasoning otherwise?
3. I thought the statue of the rabbit was funny but again, the text does not explain it.
4. Sorry, I did not get this- what furry pets, and where are they hiding? If they are dogs, why would they let the rabbit eat their food? (Understandable with the picture of the dogs, ok, but otherwise)

(from Belgium)

From: Em
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2009 9:09 AM
To: The Fontaines

Michelle, this is better than any book my kids own...i love it!!!
when it's published you gotta come to my kids school Atlanta North academy
i know they'll love it. and by the way the photos are so unique, i've never seen
a book so unique and clever as yours.
i know it will be a hit!!!

Via Facebook: Phyllis M George October 12 at 2:44pm

I am so impressed! Your layout is so professional and your photographs are great! You are doing something I've always wanted to do but never quite did. Let us know how it goes!