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Editorial Review

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Gr 4–6—When you move to a new school, you get to decide who you want to be: front-row kid, kid with cool shoes, or smart kid. Miles Murphy has moved to a new town and a new school, but he doesn't want to reinvent himself. He wants to be who he has always been; a prankster. The problem is, that role has already been taken by a troublemaker who is even better than Miles, Niles Sparks, masquerading as a do-gooder. Niles respects Miles' skills and suggests they join forces as The Terrible Two. Initially disinterested, Miles ultimately realizes he is no match for Niles, and they work together to pull off the ultimate prank and develop a close friendship. Coauthors and friends Barnett and John have created a fast paced, laugh-out-loud novel sure to appeal to those who appreciate a good prank and have a sense of justice. The caricaturelike protagonists, particularly the childlike adult characters, add to the absurdity of the book, and the evolving relationship between the Miles and Niles is pure fun. Cornell's varied graphics perfectly capture the humorous tone and add their own comic appeal. This is a good candidate for reluctant readers and a natural next read for fans of Jeff Kinney's "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series.—Juliet Morefield, Multnomah County Library, OR

Review

"Fluffy, fast, fun reading for fans of Clueless McGee and the Wimpy Kid." (*Kirkus Reviews* 2014-11-01)

"Barnett and John are in perfect comic harmony." (*Publishers Weekly* 2014-10-27)

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"With plenty of humor, quirky characters, interspersed drolly-related cow factoids, and fantastical, over-the-top pranking, this entertaining, enjoyable read will especially appeal to Wimpy Kid aficionados." (Shelle Rosenfeld *Booklist* 2015-01-01)

"Well-paced for pleasure reading, this lively start to a new series provides great insight into social dynamics—as well as prank planning and execution!" (Julie Roach *The Horn Book Magazine* 2015-03-01)

About the Author

Mac Barnett is a *New York Times* bestselling author of books for children, including *Extra Yarn*, which won a 2013 Caldecott Honor, and *Battle Bunny*. **Jory John** is a writer, editor, and journalist. He is coauthor of the bestselling *All My Friends Are Dead*. **Kevin Cornell** is the illustrator of many children's books, including *Count the Monkeys* and *Mustache!*, both by Mac Barnett.

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