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# Crazy Hair

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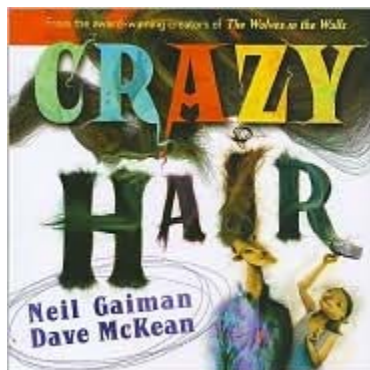
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Gaiman, Neil. *Crazy hair*. Illustrated by Dave McKean. HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN 9780060579081. \$18.99. 40 p. pp.

Reviewer: Gillian Streeter

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Humorous stories; Picture books;

Subject: Stories in rhyme--Juvenile literature; Hair--Juvenile literature; Humorous stories--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

Young Bonnie points out the “crazy hair” of the man standing next to her - and the man defends himself and explains just how crazy his hair really is. Parrots, pirates, balloons, carnivals, explorers, and wild tigers all roam through his crazy hair - and then Bonnie attempts the unthinkable: she tries combing the crazy hair.

As with *The Day I Swapped by Dad for Two Goldfish*, McKean and Gaiman make a great team. McKean's illustrations are wild and otherworldly. They may appear scary to younger readers with their strange angles and odd colors, but mostly these pictures will fascinate. McKean uses actual hair, pencil, paint, computer graphics, and just about everything in between, resulting in richly textured illustrations readers might fall into. Gaiman's text is simple and wonderfully repetitive, creating a zany Seuss-like rhyme that is satisfying to read aloud.

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