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Book Review

Title: Frankencrayon
Author: Michael Hall
Reviewer: Nicole Gamez
Publisher: Harper Collins Children's Books;
Greenwillow Books
Publication Year: 2016
ISBN: 9780062252111
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

Frankencrayon is a hysterical and original story of a bunch of witty crayons. The first thing you notice is the red stamp that warns that the book has been “cancelled.” You are then greeted by a purple, green, and orange crayons, who are clearly surprised to see you there as the reader. Pencil steps in and starts to tell the story about how a mysterious RED scribble appeared and sabotaged the whole book! Therefore the big red CANCELED stamps are all over the book. The crayons tell the reader the story behind the cancellation: during a rehearsal for the book, the lights suddenly go out and when they return there is a red scribble that goes across the page. The cleaning crew then comes to try clean it up. However, the crayons “erasing” only makes things worse. Frankencrayon, who is made up of all the broken crayons, wasn’t there when the lights went out so it doesn’t know anything about the book has been canceled. Frankencrayon then sees the scribble and decides to help it out by give the scribble a mouth and legs so it can leave the book. The reader finally finds out who was responsible for the scribble and for the cancelation for the book

Frakencrayon is an unusually fabulous book that breaks the fourth wall and emerges the reader in to the story. The delivery of this story is interactive, and a blast to read out loud! The crayons have an unconventional yet engaging conversation as they talk to the reader. With plenty of suspenseful and gasp-worthy moments, children will be excited to turn each page and find out what happens next. The crayons have quite a few witty moments that may leave you giggling at their sass and silliness. A truly fun book with an interesting twist, children and adults will laugh as they connect the dots and discover who the culprit of the RED scribble is.