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Nancy Clancy #2: Secret Admirer

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Book Review

Title: Nancy Clancy #2: Secret Admirer

Author: Jane O'Connor

Illustrator: Robin Preiss Glasser

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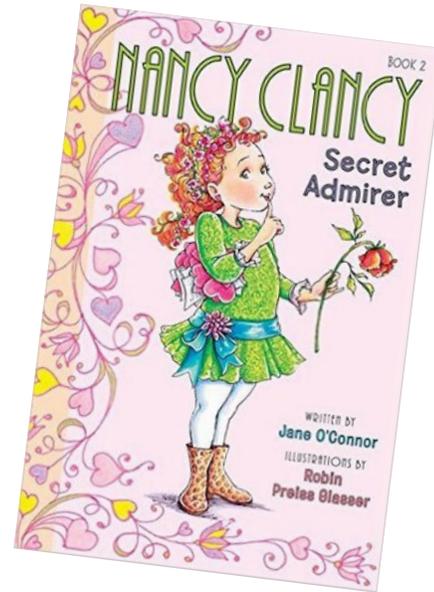
ISBN: 9780062082954

Number of Pages: 112

Interest Level: Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Review



In this book, Nancy devises a plan to get her newly single, teenage guitar teacher Andy and her babysitter Annie to fall in love. Nancy and her best friend Bree leave notes and little gifts from a secret admirer for Annie in a scheme the girls derived to make the teens fall in eternal love. Nancy's plan gets Annie and Andy together for a meeting on Valentine's Day, but they do not fall in eternal love as the girls had hoped. The girls' scheme is found out, but Nancy and Bree are not giving up because Nancy's mother tells the girls that she and Nancy's dad just started out as just buddies, like Annie and Andy, before falling in love.

Nancy Clancy; The Secret Admirer is another great addition to the Nancy Clancy series, continuing to introduce young readers to new vocabulary words in a way that they can understand. The way the book is written allows readers to try to figure out what new words like "platonic" mean using context clues before clearly stating the definition a few sentences later. This book also introduces a few words in French as well. In addition to gaining new vocabulary, the story introduces some interesting science concepts related to the heart, including how to feel your pulse. The suspense of the scheme either working or being found out and the easy to read text keeps readers engaged and coming back for more. Overall, this work of fiction is very educational and entertaining for any first grader.