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Eerie Elementary #5: School Freezes Over!

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Book Review

Title: Eerie Elementary #5: School Freezes Over!

Author: Jack Chabert

Illustrator: Sam Ricks

Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley

Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.

Year: 2016

ISBN: 9780545873734

Pages: 90

Interest Level: Primary

Rating: Dependable



Review

Sam, Lucy, and Antonio are the assistant hall monitors at Eerie Elementary. Normally their status would be a privilege, but protecting the school has become a terrifying job. Orson Eerie, the late architect of the school, now haunts Eerie Elementary! Orson uses the wild winter weather to take over the school. It's up to Sam and his friends to turn up the heat in time to save the school and its frozen students. They ice skate across the school, find a hidden switch, and stop a swirling tornado. In the end, their teamwork pays off and they put a stop to Orson's evil plan of taking over the school.

The students in this book use their knowledge of weather, temperature, and ice to defeat Orson Eerie. Chabert's Eerie Elementary series is part of Scholastic's Branches chapter book line, perfect for early readers. Sam Ricks's black and white illustrations are featured on each page spread, giving readers a more exciting reading experience with the book. There are also comprehension questions at the end of the book to help extend readers' understanding and thinking. The ending of the story is a bit disappointing as Lucy, Antonio, and Sam's hard work isn't acknowledged by their teacher despite their huge achievement of saving the school.