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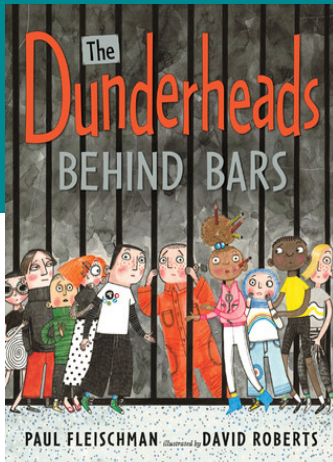
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Book Review

Dunderheads: Behind Bars

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Primary

Pages

48

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2012

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Candlewick

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9780763645434

It's the end of school and the kids are ready for summer. Einstein and his friends are glad they don't have to worry about their teacher, Miss Breakbone, anymore. Einstein sees in the newspaper that movie extras are needed in his town. He gathers his friends and goes to the auditions, but Spider gets in trouble by Miss Breakbone and he is arrested! Einstein comes up with a plan and contacts his friends to help Spider get out of jail. They try to find the actual thief, but in the process get arrested too! When they go to the judge, they explain how to find the cat burglar, and so the judge sends the police to find the burglar. The kids are set free!

This book has a great story line. The problem and solution is entertaining and will keep readers engaged. The illustrations combined with the graphic-novel-feel help the book transition page-to-page. This book is not exactly a graphic novel, but it has pages that are similar to those in a graphic novel. The words are simple and the humor can be understood by young readers. The characters are named after their strongest personality traits and skills. There are no characters that are the same, which provides great friendships and connections. This book can teach how to solve problems and it also teaches that, when you succeed, the best part might not always be the glory. Overall, this is an entertaining book to read.