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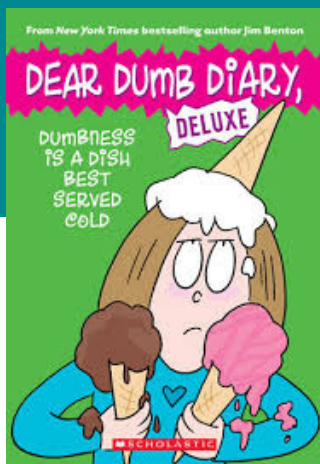
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Primary, Intermediate

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224

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2016

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9780545932288

Jamie Kelly has written in her Dumb Diary about another humorous adventure. Angeline, one of Jamie's friends, has a new idea for a business! She wants to make and sell health plates that show the correct portions of every food group. Jamie and Isabella help Angeline run tests and make prototypes to sell these plates, but they are unsuccessful. They soon find out that Angeline's father has lost his job and she is trying to make money to help the family. They work together to find a solution and create an even better product to sell, making them each richer in the process and teaching them about the importance of innovation.

Jim Benton is well known for creating humorous, entertaining books that children love and he has done it again. This diary features full color illustrations that the reader can't help but smile at. The plot is entertaining and there are frequent twists and turns to keep readers on their toes. There is no way that anyone could predict the conclusion to this story. The plot moves quickly, but adds in enough details and side anecdotes to satisfy by the end. Jamie Kelly is a no-nonsense girl who describes her life exactly as she sees it, from her parents to her dog, and many children will be able to relate. Overall, this is another fantastic book by Jim Benton that readers will love.