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# Stink #11: Hamlet and Cheese

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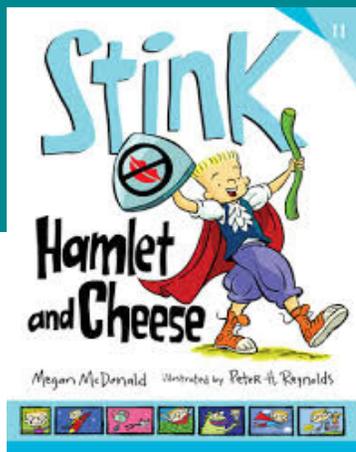
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## Book Review

### Stink #11: Hamlet and Cheese

#### Author

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#### Illustrator

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#### Rating

Dependable

#### Level

Primary, Intermediate

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144

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It's spring break and Stink Moody is attending a Shakespeare camp with his best friend Sophie. Little did he know he'd be the only boy and his enemy Riley Rottenberger would be attending. Stink finds out he gets to learn insults and sword fighting, and that eases his mind. During camp, Riley tells Stink that at the end of the this week he will be getting a big kiss. Stink has to avoid Riley at all costs. He can't afford getting a kiss—girls have cooties! On the last day of camp Stink knew not getting a kiss would be too good to be true. At the end of his performance in front off all the parents, Stink ran off stage as Riley approached him because this was her last chance to plant one on him. She laughed and laughed and watched as his mother came and gave him a kiss and a hug. This was the kiss that Riley knew was coming all week long.

Megan McDonald definitely writes for a younger audience. This book is relatable to children in middle elementary grades. Most kids go through a time when the last thing they would want is to get kissed. Those students would be a perfect audience for this book as they could resonate with Stink Moody. The story is filled with humor and the suspense to find out if Stink gets kissed or not. Stink: Hamlet and Cheese is illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds and he has a fun, cartoony style. There are just enough pictures to keep the book interesting for children, but leave enough room for children to create their own images in their mind. At the beginning of each chapter the illustrator has written the title of the chapter on a scroll of paper to help add to the story. Little details like this add to each chapter and draw in children's attention.