Phooey!

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Reviewer: Kate Reynolds
Reading Level: Preschool, Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult
Rating: Outstanding
Genre: Picture books; Humorous stories;
Subject: Boredom--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

An extremely bored young boy kicks an empty can in his malcontent and sets off a wild chain of events that turns into chaos all around him. However, determined to remain in his bad mood he notices none of it until a cat literally falls into his lap, whereupon he declares "This place is great!"

Rosenthal's bold comic-style illustrations tell more of this story than the text--most of which is onomatopoeic words describing the havoc in the neighborhood. This delightful, silly romp is sure to entertain readers of all ages. Though not suited for sharing with a large group this fun story could be used in a classroom setting for teaching onomatopoeia or for an exercise in predicting what will happen next. And shared between a parent and a child this book would be a great way for a youngster to spend some energy by mimicking the action of the book--just not in the presence of anything breakable. Fans of Geisert's *Oops!* (Houghton Mifflin, 2006) will enjoy this book.

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