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Amelia Bedelia's First Library Card

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Book Review

Title: Amelia Bedelia's First Library Card

Author: Herman Parish

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Publisher: Greenwillow Books

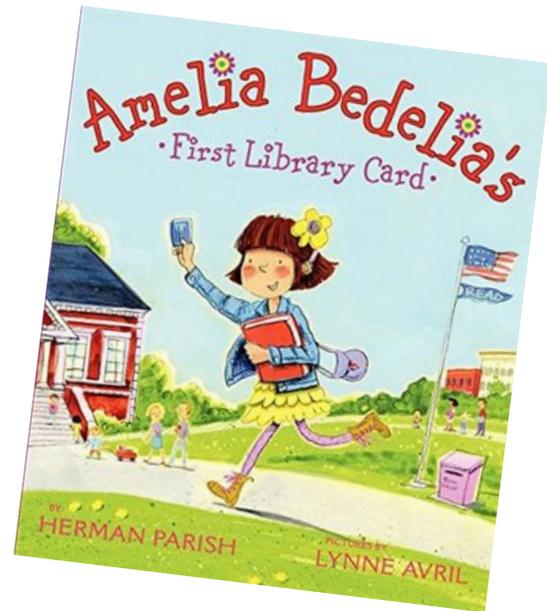
Publication Year: 2013

ISBN: 9780062095121

Number of Pages: 31

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent



Review

Amelia Bedelia's literal humor returns in this book about her childhood. Amelia Bedelia's class goes on a field trip to the library. What fun! The librarian Mrs. Reilly gives the children a tour and tells them the library rules. The children's section is a great place for them to find books that they can check out. They all receive their first library cards and check out books. Amelia Bedelia takes her book home but forgets it outside, then it starts to rain. Amelia Bedelia learns how to be a responsible library patron and how to make everything right in the end.

Amelia Bedelia is one of the funnest characters. This book gives a child's perspective on going to the library for the first time. There are several instances of Amelia Bedelia making silly mistakes such as putting trash into the library book drop. Each of these instances is resolved in a happy and healthy way that teaches children the rules without making them anxious about making silly mistakes. This book also teaches children to be responsible for items in which they are entrusted. The illustrations are colorful and captivating. All in all it's a great book especially for children who are new to the responsibilities of having their very own library card.