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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 1 In this newly illustrated title first published in 1982, Aidan worries about first grade. He hasn't seen his kindergarten friends all summer, and he's had plenty of time to imagine the worst about the upcoming school year. Will his friends be in his class? Will he be expected to read and do math problems? And what if I can't understand anything the teacher says? She might say, 'Oogly, boogly.' When I ask her what that means, she might answer, 'Muncha, chumba, zeglipo.' His parents notice that something is wrong, but he refuses to admit his fears. When his friend returns from her summer vacation with reassuring news of their new teacher, he jumps for joy and exclaims, My jitters are gone! The text and pictures explore this common anxiety effectively and with a touch of humor. Full-spread illustrations depict the grumpy protagonist with his perplexed and annoyed parents, and later, relaxed and jubilant. Aidan's loyal dog and teddy bear mirror his concerns throughout. When he holds up his leg in bed, insisting that he cannot walk and won't be better for the first day of school, his frowning teddy holds up his leg as well. Couple this story with Julie Danneberg's *First Day Jitters* (Charlesbridge, 2000) for another perspective on back-to-school angst. *Barbara Auerbach, PS 217, Brooklyn, NY*

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First published in 1982 and now newly illustrated with appealing, uncluttered, paint-and-ink images, this story captures every kid's fear of starting school. At first the boy denies his fear, but after he crawls into bed, the worries begin: What if he can't read or spell or do arithmetic? What if he can't understand the teacher? His fears explode as a temper tantrum in a store when Mom wants to buy him new shoes for school, but later, while playing and talking with his friends, he feels reassured and ready. The jittery scenarios will reach many kids facing a big change. Grades K-1. --Hazel Rochman

About the Author

Robert Quackenbush began drawing and painting when he was a boy in Phoenix, Arizona, and has never stopped. He is the author and illustrator of nearly two hundred children's books. Painter, teacher, and illustrator, Robert is the winner of numerous children's book awards, as well as a nominee for an Edgar Award for best juvenile mystery. Robert resides in New York City with his wife, Margery; their son, Piet, was the inspiration for many of his books.

Yan Nascimbene has more than fifty books to his credit and has illustrated more than three hundred book covers. His work has been widely exhibited in the United States, France, Japan, England, Switzerland, and Italy. Yan is the recipient of many awards, including one gold and two silver medals from the Society of Illustrators in New York. He and Joan Parazette, a painter and ceramist, share their life in the south of France and California.

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From reader reviews:

Gerald Toups:

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Connie Cornish:

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