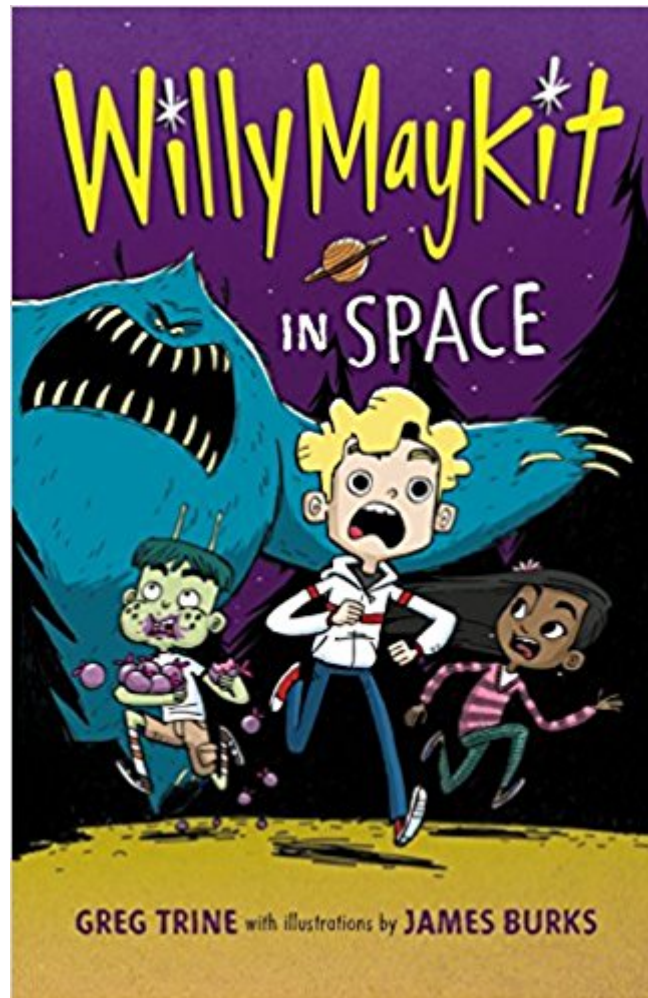




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# Willy Maykit In Space



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## Synopsis

Earth-dwelling fourth-grader Willy Maykit couldn't be more excited about his school field trip to Planet Ed. Willy's class will blast off for the afternoon, learn about outer space, and be home in time for dinner. But when he wanders off on his own, Willy ends up being left behind on Ed! Can Willy, along with his classmate Cindy and an alien boy named Norp, outsmart the big hungry monsters on Ed until someone rescues them? With a little help from an android who likes knock-knock jokes and a seagull with terrific aim, they just might!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-5 • Willy Maykit's father is a famous explorer who disappeared in the jungle more than a year ago. Despite that tragedy, the fourth grader wants to be as adventurous as his dad. On a class field trip to Planet Ed, he wanders off, following his father's mantra that there is always something interesting around the bend. Predictably, he and a friend get left behind when the class flees a violent storm. They wait for rescue, which comes in the form of Norp, a green-skinned alien, also left behind during his school field trip the previous week. He saves Willy and Cindy from the monsters that come out at night, but it's only the beginning of their troubles. Meanwhile, Willy's father finally breaks free from his jungle prison. With a snarky narrator, the story is funny and

hackneyed in equal measure but pitch-perfect for the age group. The cartoon-style illustrations are amusing and plentiful and will attract reluctant and enthusiastic readers alike. Give this to fans of Jonny Zucker and Ned Woodman's "Max Flash" series (Lerner).  
--Gretchen Crowley,  
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"The cartoon-style illustrations are amusing and plentiful and will attract reluctant and enthusiastic readers alike."  
--School Library Journal "Readers new to chapter books and who like to laugh often will most likely find Willy's story peppered with just enough silly humor to keep the pages turning."  
--Kirkus "Effortlessly diverse in open, friendly ways...the two stories of bold adventurers headed back toward home are exhilarating. Readers seeking a speedy space thriller and fans of Trine's other series will be well pleased with this outing."  
--Bulletin

This review is by my 8yr old daughter: "I thought it was cool that a boy got lost in space, because he was born to explore. And then the rest of his class went on this spaceship back to Earth! And a girl realized he wasn't there so she went after him. And then they slept on a really bad planet, and an alien boy found them and told them to follow him. But they were told to never to talk to strangers. So they didn't say anything and didn't move. And he said 'Comon, quick, before they get you!' And they chased them. That's why I liked it!"

a bit boring... especially for a wild-eyed new reader like my 8 year old. Nothing fantastic, pacing a bit slow.

Willy Maykit in Space is an engaging and amusing tale. Children will enjoy this story filled to the brim with humor and outer space danger.

"Willy Maykit in Space" may be a two hundred page book, but the print is large and double spaced, so it's probably more like a novella than novel. Chapters are short (less than ten pages) and consist of illustrations, some covering the entire page, so a child can read several in one day. My daughter likes these early chapter books, and it's a great way to get her to practice her reading before bed. Here, Willy Maykit, a boy with adventure in his blood, wanders off to Planet Ed with his "pet" Phelps. His crush, Cindy, goes looking for him, and both are stranded. They meet another alien, Norp, who was stranded several days earlier. The android pilot, Max, returns after dropping off the other

students, only to crash the starship. They have to search for food, shelter, and hiding places from monsters...yes, the kind under your bed and in your closets. I don't think this should be too scary, at least not considering how they are portrayed. This is a good easy to read book for older elementary and junior high students, and the book feels as though the author is talking to you rather than just telling you a story. There are jokes, imaginative and wild adventures, sci-fi, and best of all, children who find their own solutions to some of their problems, and help from friends when needed. A definite plus - I don't recall any instances of adult or peer bashing, so overall a positive book.

Recommended

This is a cute book, full of humor and adventure. It is recommended for grades 2-5. It is a bit hard for the average 2nd grade reader but the older children will appreciate the story and the drawings that help illustrate it on many of the pages. There is humor - physical and more subtle...describing one of the monsters, who they wouldn't let join in any monster games. The monsters are on the planet that Willy gets left behind on during a class trip. Cindy also is left, as well as Norp, an alien left on his class trip too. There is always something happening. The action is quick and will keep young readers interested in the adventures after adventures that occur. There are also lessons that can be learned, like following instructions, loyalty to your friends, good deeds and perseverance. This is a good book for anyone interested in young adventures.

Definitely for younger kids (recommended for age 7-10). Younger kids will appreciate the silly knock-knock jokes (older kids may find them "not" so silly). The chapters are short and although there are 200 pages in this book, the pages are double spaced, the print is large, and there are ample black and white illustrations to also keep it visually interesting. Willy is a young explorer and he is excited about his school trip to planet Ed. This trip does not go as expected and Willy and a classmate get stranded on this unique planet. What comes next is his adventure to get home which includes befriending aliens and androids and running away from monsters. Will he make it? Your child will have to read the book to get the answer to that question. This story will probably not leave your child clamoring for a re-read but it should be entertaining enough to motivate them to read at least one chapter daily.

This illustrated children's book is cute and easy reading. Willy Maykit is his father's son. His father is an explorer who hasn't returned since his last exploration in the jungle. Willy and his class are going on a class trip to Planet Ed (a fictional planet) for a few hours. Once there, he and classmate Cindy

are left behind by accident. They befriend another alien child, Norp, left behind. Norp warns his new friends about the nighttime monsters who will eat them if possible. Willy, Cindy, and Norp work together to survive Planet Ed. This book will be enjoyed by young readers seeking light hearted adventurous reading. The illustrations help in understanding the monsters on Planet Ed.

Willy Maykit in Space is a fast, fun read and best suited for the 7-10 year old readers. The main protagonist is a boy who gets lost on a field trip with friends Cindy and later alien boy Norp. All kinds of things happen to him and his entourage and it's these misadventures they endure that make up the bulk of the story. There's fast wit, puns and silly dialogue for the most part. There are illustrations every few pages that make this book shorter than it looks. The large type set also make this a fast read. While the story may be silly to older kids, young elementary school kids may enjoy this silly romp.

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