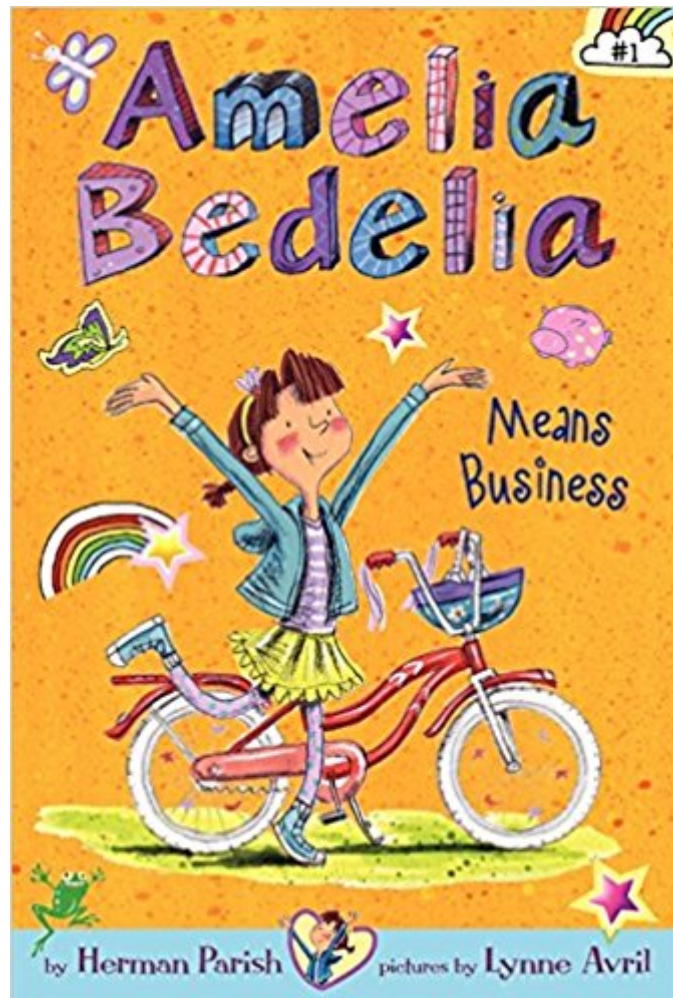




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Amelia Bedelia Chapter Book #1: Amelia Bedelia Means Business



Synopsis

Amelia Bedelia makes her chapter book debut! In *Amelia Bedelia Means Business*, a New York Times bestseller and the first book in the new chapter book series, young Amelia Bedelia will do almost anything for a shiny new bicycle. Amelia Bedelia's parents say they'll split the cost of a new bike with her, and that means Amelia Bedelia needs to put the pedal to the metal and earn some dough! With Amelia Bedelia anything can happen, and it usually does. Short, fast-paced chapters, tons of friends, silly situations, and funny wordplay and misunderstandings make the Amelia Bedelia chapter books an ideal choice for readers of the Ivy and Bean, Magic Tree House, and Judy Moody books. Features black-and-white pictures by Lynne Avril on every page! Look out! Here comes Amelia Bedelia, and she means business! "Sure to be favorites on the early chapter-book shelves." —*School Library Journal* Supports the Common Core State Standards

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4-Beginning chapter-book readers can meet the young Amelia Bedelia and enjoy her literal take on the world around her. In *Business*, the homophonic-challenged girl is looking for ways to earn money for a new bike. She encounters all sorts of mayhem as she helps out at the local diner,

sells stolen flowers, has a run-in with the local police, and tries her luck selling drinks at her lemonade sit. (After all why should customers have to stand?) Wordplay abounds as Amelia "steps on it," splattering pie on a customer at a diner and taking each word to heart. Her parents are helpful in explaining meanings to her, but readers will laugh out loud as she navigates her way through a variety of business opportunities. In *Unleashed*, Amelia Bedelia searches for the perfect puppy. Her parents encourage her to learn about different breeds by helping her neighbor with her dog-walking business. While out walking several of the dogs, Amelia meets her friend Charlie and his pedigreed poodle. He invites her to help get Pierre "show ready" with a bath and coat trim. Things go badly awry, and the two friends have two hours to find the dog and figure out a way to fix his coat in time for the show. In both books, the illustrations bring the characters and plot to the forefront, and well-designed drawings provide reluctant readers with dynamic and whimsical visual cues. Rendered in gouache and black pencil, the artwork splashes across the pages. Sure to be favorites on the early chapter-book shelves. -Melissa Smith, Royal Oak Public Library, MI

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Incorporating wordplay, puns, and humor, the first title in the new Amelia Bedelia Chapter Books series brings Peggy Parish's classic character, here school-age, to a slightly older audience courtesy of her nephew, Herman Parish. After seeing snarky classmate Kaite-Lynne's fancy new bike, Amelia Bedelia wants one, too, but earning money isn't easy. An apprentice-waitressing opportunity goes awry when a hurried customer requests, Bring me a piece of pie and step on it! and well-meaning but ever-literal-minded Amelia Bedelia does both, with messy results. Her lemonade stand's locale and festive sign (Lots of Lemons) garners attention, but it's not the kind of publicity a used-car-lot owner appreciates. But, ultimately, and happily, there are silver linings, too. With the spirit and flair that epitomized the original character, Amelia Bedelia's an earnest, appealing protagonist whose interpretations and inadvertent misinterpretations often lead to a great hullabaloo. Although the wordplay is occasionally challenging (e.g. like understanding lemon in reference to a car, or the idiom Cut the mustard) this is an enjoyable, entertaining read. Final illustrations not seen. Grades 2-4. --Shelle Rosenfeld

This is the first chapter book that I have been reading at night to my daughter. She is young (4.5 years old) and this is the first chapter book, so that might be why it hasn't been the perfect

hit. Pros: *My daughter loves it, loves being read to, and is super excited to get to the next part. *The plays on language are fun for her to try to figure out. *The collection of money for the bike has good, simple math lessons that we can go over each night ("she had five dollars, now she has twenty more, how much does she have altogether?") Cons: *Some of the plays on language are outdated, or regional. I don't know what "cut the mustard" means, so that part of the book was just weird to me. I don't think "pink slip" is used anymore in standard American speech. Sometimes, the plays on language feel like a stretch. *I'm a little uncomfortable with the entire premise of this first book being based on jealousy over material things a not-friend has. Suzanne is a girl in Amelia's class that she doesn't like much, and Suzanne has a super awesome new bike, so Amelia wants one, too. Her original bike is perfectly usable, just banged up - it validates my daughter's want for new toys and new things when she already has more toys than she knows what to do with. The friendship sort of works itself out by the end, but the materialism is not the best message, in my opinion. All told, this book has been a success for us, and we will probably continue the series now that we have started it and my daughter enjoys it.

My daughter, age 8, second grade, loved this book. It was her first experience with Amelia Bedelia. She liked how there was a preview for the next book and has been asking for it! My daughter is a great reader and this was not a difficult read for her.

The seven-year old granddaughter got a bit bored halfway through. Was a struggle to have her plow through to the finish, and not because of reading level. She liked Amelia books in shorter doses. And she liked this okay, at least parts of it. But I suspect she won't be asking for more Amelia anytime soon when we have her read chapter books. If she does, I'll come back and add a star. Okay for what it is, especially if your little girl is already an Amelia Bedelia fan. But it's a pretty thin character to stretch to chapter-book plot levels.

My daughter saw her package and said, "It's just books." Then she opened it and got excited. These are the first chapter books that she read of her own motivation. She is really excited about them. The day before they arrive I discover that the library had this one- opps it's good to have favorites at home too.

This book was adorable. I would defiantly recommend it. The target reading level is around second to third grade. The book takes you on an exciting adventure with a little girl name Amelia Bedelia.

She has just seen the most beautiful new bike ever and it belongs to her classmate. She looks at her own bike and realize how worn out it is. So together with your parents, they hatch a plan to get Amelia a new bike. But Amelia's parents want to teach her responsibility as well. They agree to pay for half and Amelia will pay for the other half. As the story goes on Amelia gets a job at a diner as a junior waitress. It does not go well. Then her parents suggest she start a lemonade stand, that too ends badly. Let's say it become quite lemony. Then she has all these lemons left over so she and her mom start baking, finally something that goes well. She makes some lemon tarts to give to the people she had trouble with, everything seemed to be going well. Then she and a friend get into a bike crash and their bikes are bent. The friend suggest they go to the bike shop and have them repaired. At the bike shop Amelia, see's a poster for a bike parade and the grand prize for the bike decorating contest is a new bike. So of course she enters and in keeping with the lemon theme. Her bike it decked out in lemon decor. For the parade, Amelia decided to make her tarts to pass out. That becomes quite the fiasco. As she riding in the parade, a bunch of dogs get whiff of her tarts and chase her to the front of the parade, causing a big mess. At the end the mayor, praises Amelia for her determination, even if things don't always go smooth.

My 7 year old loves these chapter books. The 10 book series tell the various adventures of two friends. They are easy for her to read by herself in 1-2 days. Chapters include some illustrations.

Amelia Bedelia was a favorite of mine as a child, and I am sooo excited to see an updated version for my own kids (4 and 6) to enjoy. Just as homophone & idiom challenged as thd original, Amelia Bedelia keeps my girls laughing through the whole book. Short, 2-3 page chapters and just perfect for bedtime. We will be purchasing more for sure!

Oh Amelia Bedelia was always getting into comical situations. I loved reading these books to my oldest daughter before she was able to read herself. I had no idea they made chapter books! We chose this to add to a charity auction basket because it brought such wonderful memories back for us.

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