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Has Tom Jenkins, a.k.a. the Great Brain, given up his con-artist ways for a bicycle? Not for long. Soon the Great Brain is back to his old tricks, swindling and trading, even convincing the whole town there's a prehistoric monster on the loose. But when someone robs the bank, even the police are stumped. Can the Great Brain solve the crime and put the crooks behind bars?

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## **From Reader Review More Adventures of the Great Brain for online ebook**

### **Richard says**

So happy to be rediscovering this seemingly forgotten series set in a fictional Utah pioneer town at the end of the 19th century.

While Tom, the middle child Great Brain, is bound to appeal to upper grade elementary school children, the sweet nature of this particular book reminded me why adults will also love the series. The transformation of Britches Dotty, a motherless girl, uneducated and raised to dress like a boy, was the sweetest story in this book, while the story of the children and adults of Adenville coming together to mourn the death of well loved mongrel dog was equally redeeming.

What a perfect book for parents to read to children!

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### **LobsterQuadrille says**

3.5 stars

Personally, I didn't find this book as enjoyable as the first. It's a little milder and a little more predictable. But the familiar, lovable characters are still there, and Tom's "great brain" continues to get him into sticky situations. I really liked the subplots of Britches Dotty and Old Butch's Funeral; they were pretty creative, and added warmth to the story. But aside from those stories, the book felt a bit dry to me. But it's still a decent book, and of course, there are still those great Mercer Mayer illustrations!

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### **Afton Nelson says**

My boys can't get enough of these books. They even have started accusing each other of having a "great brain" when they feel one is trying to take unfair advantage or "swindle" the other. Lots of fun stories about boys being boys in a day when you could explore and have adventures, as long as you got your chores done first and were home by dinner.

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### **Shane says**

This was a bit less edgy than the first book in the series - in that book, the narrator tried his best to help his friend commit suicide after his friend lost the bottom half of his leg, because his friend felt worthless.

Regardless, "The Great Brain" remains a rather interesting character as is more complex than most in

children's literature in that he's both 'halos and horns,' and there are times when he's quite irritating in his con-artist glory.

Nonetheless, a fun quick read - no longer as PC as it was when written, but that's part of what made it interesting - to me, at least.

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### **Rebecca Hill says**

The Great Brain strikes again... If you need an awesome kids read, this is it!! Funny, light, and a engaging read for children between the ages of 6-13.

Tom is a genius, and the entire town of Adenville suffers from his pranks from time to time. All kids have lost toys, and other items to Tom, but he is about to pull one of his largest swindles yet, and it will leave his father speechless. Join the Fitzgerald brothers as they solve a crime and capture a ghost, all in the span of one summer! The adventures just keep coming, and the brothers never disappoint on the shenanigans pulled..

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### **Rachael says**

If my memory serves me well, all of these Great Brain books are fun and interesting, but I was pleasantly surprised that some of the adventures and schemes in this book involved helping people out. The Great Brain helps a girl learn to read, and rescues his family when their dad gets them lost in the mountains. There are a couple classic mischief stories too. This is good fun for kids and grownups alike.

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### **Karen says**

We loved this book just as much as the first! Surprising because we usually like one better than the other but both the 1st and 2nd book were so engaging and the reader Ron McLarty does a fantastic job. Listened to this while taking Auntay home...krb 3/13/17

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### **Josiah says**

I thought this was an amazing book! I love how funny and intriguing it is. This book seems to suck you into reading more and more. I recommend this for everyone who loves funny books!

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### **Sri says**

**\*\* spoiler alert \*\***

Di akhir buku pertama aku mikir2, ini klo T.D. akhirnya tobat gini trus buku kelanjutannya mau nyeritain soal apa? Beneran deh, tobatnya T.D. ini tobat sementara bahkan termasuk dalam rencananya untuk

mendapatkan sepeda sebagai hadiah natal wkwk.

Tapi akhirnya di tengah-tengah bukui ni, T.D. berjanji pada ayahnya, ga ada aksi tepu-tepu lagi. Malah setelahnya, T.D. sempat melakukan kebohongan demi menyelamatkan harga diri ayahnya yang mengancam ga mau pulang dan mau tinggal di hutan. Cubet.... :D

Ya, T.D. semakin dewasa. Dia menemukan hal yang lebih penting daripada bermain. Sementara J.D. si bungsu masih menganggap pendapat itu konyol. J.D. ini lugu banget dan pernyataan-pernyataannya sering bikin ngakak.

Suka deh sama setting buku ini yang jadul. Nilai-nilai yang dipegang sama anak-anak ini sangat... Apa ya? Sangat jadul? Wkwk... Misal, klo anak cowok main sama anak cewek artinya sissy :P. Klo punya kakak yang mulai pacaran rasanya seperti aib sealam semesta. Klo dicium cewek itu kiamat. Klo ditantang ga mau artinya pengecut. Istilahnya mending mati karena menjalani tantangan daripada dikatain pengecut seumur hidup. Trus juga orang-orang dewasanya juga pake cara-cara jadul untuk mengatur anak-anak mereka. Misal, nyebarin mitos ada monster di dalam gua biar anak-anak ga kesesat karena sok sok mau menjelajah gua namun akhirnya ga mampu keluar lagi. Satu lagi, mitos ada setan di kota tambang yang sudah tak berpenghuni dengan alasan yang sama. Ada satu lagi, ngakak baca cerita dua perampok yang nangis histeris gara-gara ketauannya sama anak-anak kecil. Mending ketauan sama polisi. Kebayang mereka di penjara nanti bakal jadi bulan-bulanan sesama napi :D. Tapi asyik banget juga sih. Anak-anak masih penuh petualangan. Bebas melakukan aksi nakal-nakal kecil. Di sisi lain mereka juga masih tetap patuh sama ortu, dan masing-masing menjalankan tugas-tugas di rumah dengan tertib.

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### **Hannah Clark says**

I love these great brain stories. They are really funny, and yet have some really sweet moments. My six year old and I read this one together after reading The Great Brain and loved it just as much. Our favorite part was the ghost town. Oh, and the funeral for the dog. Great books!

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### **Bryce says**

All of the Great Brain books are charming, delightful stories to read to your kids. Very cleverly thought out and written. Fun reads.

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### **Heather says**

Again, lots of laughs or tears, depending on the chapter. Lots of boyness. And lots of crazy exploits from Tom. There is a ghost story in this one that worried the littler boys, but all ended well. And there was a KISS. Oh, the horror!!!!

My sons would tell me the 'moral of the story' or explain why what Tom did was wrong so I wasn't too worried about them becoming little hoodlums after reading this.

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## **Amy says**

Highly entertaining. Full review here: <http://www.sunlitpages.com/2017/05/th...>

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## **Andrew says**

I have fond memories of many of the books I read as a child. That list includes at least a couple of the books from the “Great Brain” series by John D. Fitzgerald. In particular, “The Great Brain at the Academy” stands out in my memory, as it was instrumental in building my expectations about what Catholic school would be like (expectations that were wholly and utterly unlike the actual experience, as it turned out). Beyond that and a general memory of finding these stories highly enjoyable, I don’t remember which specific books I read or much in the way of details from the stories. However, after reading this book, I suspect that this was one that I read as a child, since so many of the details seemed familiar to me.

These stories are fictionalized stories from the author’s childhood, and focus on the antics of the author’s older brother Tom, aka “The Great Brain.” Set in Utah in the late Nineteenth Century, the antics of these boys will probably have parents of boys everywhere nodding as they see their own son’s behavior mirrored here. Tom is an exceptionally bright and creative boy, who uses his intellect and imagination to con anyone he can, peers and parents alike. While his schemes often cause untold trouble, and don’t always work out quite the way he intended, he never stops his scheming. Along the way, he and his friends learn a number of life lessons, often the hard way.

This book was a wonderful trip down memory lane to my own childhood, and it is terrifically entertaining, especially for boys, who will probably find the “Great Brain” to be an inspirational character. In spite of the differences in our society wrought by time, boys will likely find that these characters ring true to them, and they will probably find these adventures highly compelling.

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## **Scott says**

I've probably read this entire series over 50 times in my life so the 5 star rating should come as no surprise.

The characters are amazing, the storytelling is unsurpassed, every chapter tells a new story of "The Great Brain"...The Ghost of Silverlode, Britches Dotty, Tom scooping Papa's newspaper and the list goes on.

In my opinion any and all of the Great Brain books are the peak of children's literature. I've read them to my kids, my wife loves them and of course I re-read them whenever I can.

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