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What's a bird to do when his sibling is a big-time celebrity? It's a question Speed Bump has to deal with every single morning, because his brother happens to be the one and only Early Bird. You know, THE Early Bird, who ALWAYS gets the worm! Unfortunately, Speed Bump is a sleepy little bird with a big head and tiny wings who's worried he'll never live up to his brother. But he has a great buddy, the ever-hungry Slingshot, who knows how to lift his spirits. Together, they end up on an adventure deep in the nighttime forest, where they're forced to confront something more terrifying—and slimier—than they've ever imagined. It could all go horribly wrong . . . or it could just change Speed Bump's luck for good.

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Lindsay says

My daughter and I read this story together. It is about a bird who is always out of luck when it comes to getting to taste a juicy worm. His brother, Early Bird, is always there first. His friend, Slingshot goes on an adventure with him in the middle of the night to finally get a worm. He realizes that night crawlers fill the night and they are planning an attack on Early Bird. Now this little bird must put siblings differences aside and decide that saving his brother from a horrible fate is what he must do, even if he never gets to taste a juicy worm.

Siti Zulaikha says

puns are basically everywhere. and the book is so cute!!

McKenzie Richardson says

For more reviews, check out my blog: Craft-Cycle

A very amusing and entertaining read. This is the first Speed Bump & Slingshot Misadventure book I have read and I enjoyed it. I really liked the format of the book. It blends traditional block text with speech bubble dialogue. It is one step closer to full chapter books from Mo Willems books. A good introduction to chapter books.

This is a fun read with lots of puns and silly scenarios. Very entertaining. I also enjoyed the humorous drawings.

Tina says

The kids loved it and I had fun reading in different voices. My son was delighted to learn a new word for “behind” in French.

Denise Kawaii says

This was a fun and goofy read for bedtime with my kid. It was particularly enjoyable for us since we have a nightcrawler composting box, so my little one found the worm's revenge particularly amazing.

Reading is my Escape says

Cute Chapter Book for Kids

This is a cute book that kids are sure to love. It is a 2017-18 Sunshine State Young Reader's Award (SSYRA) nominated book for grades 3-5. I'm sure even our most reluctant readers will read this one. We ask our students in grades 4 and 5 to read at least three nominated books each year. Then they are able to vote for their favorite.

Cristina Mrozek says

This is another of our Sunshine State Young Readers Award, Jr. books. It was a quick & easy read (like most beginning chapter books). I found it definitely geared toward a young audience with its humor type (lots of puns), but the illustrations were fabulous. I also love how the story has a moral.

Bruce Gargoyle says

I received a copy of this title from PanMacmillan Australia for review.

Ten Second Synopsis:

Speed Bump lives in the shadow of his older brother, Early Bird, who always gets the worm. When Speed Bump and his friend Slingshot come up with a plan to beat Early Bird to the worm, things become more complicated than they expect.

Night of the Living Worms sits in that category of books between picture books and chapter books, wherein the author knows that for beginning readers - and indeed, for any reader who enjoys more context around their text - illustrations are essential. This book is a bit of a combination between chapter book and graphic novel, with no more than a paragraph of text on each page, some of which is encased in speech bubbles, and every page is adorned with eye-popping line art to bring the story to life.

Speed Bump is a good sleeper who lives in the shadow of his older brother, Early Bird. As we all know, Early Bird gets the worm and for this reason, Speed Bump has to content himself with nuts and berries for snacking on, until such time as he can beat his seemingly unbeatable brother to that elusive worm. Slingshot is Speed Bump's best friend and a more stalwart and supportive companion a bird could not wish to find. When the two decide to take up a foolproof strategy to beat Early Bird to the worm, things don't go as planned. There are worms available for the plucking alright, but it turns out that maybe these worms have a plan all their own to defeat Early Bird!

Helped by a collection of forest creatures, Speed Bump and Slingshot must find courage they didn't know they had and find a way to save the day, before Early Bird meets a nasty, worm-driven end.

This book was heaps of fun to read and the characters are vivid and full of personality. The nightwalker

worms were actually pretty creepy when viewed all together, but there are plenty of laughs throughout the story that will please reluctant readers and those who just want to have fun in their reading. As an early chapter book, it's a quick read for an accomplished reader, but for those just starting out on longer books it should provide just enough challenge, as well as plenty of support through the illustrations and use of white space and speech bubbles. I quite enjoyed a selection of illustrated punny goodness early on in the tale, with various birds making various punny comments to elicit a guffaw or two.

The ending of the book is both exciting and quite fitting for the trouble that Speed Bump and Slingshot went to - as well as for the trouble they got themselves in! This book also contains a preview of the second book in the series, *Night of the Living Shadows*, to further hook in young readers and create anticipation. I'd say this intrepid duo are definitely one to watch if you have a mini-fleshling in your dwelling who is just beginning to tackle longer books, or indeed one that just loves a good comic adventure story with larger than life protagonists.

Anthony says

Speed Bump, is determined to beat his brother, Early Bird to a worm, but it seems hopeless as the Early Bird always gets the worm. Along with his best friend Slingshot, he leaves the nest at night, and they uncover a plan by the night crawlers to set a trap for the Early Bird. Speed Bump must devise a plan to save his brother. Along with Slingshot, and new friends Hoover, and Soda Pop, a plan is hatched to save his brother, and not upset the "Very Serious Rule."

Sarah Rubin says

Fabulous! You thought different birds could be "the early bird [who] gets the worm"? In this story, Speed Bump is the bumbling, late sleeping, slow flying brother of Early Bird. But the night crawlers are planning revenge against Early Bird. Fun mix of regular reading and a sort of graphic novel. My whole family loved reading it aloud - more than once - before it had to go back to the library.

Jennifer says

This is definitely a book that will get the boys reading! Short, full of intelligent humor, and nicely illustrated.

Annette says

NIGHT OF THE LIVING WORMS by Dave Coverly is the first book in the new Speed Bump & Slingshot Misadventures series.

With potty humor and endless puns, this wacky new series will keep chapter book readers howling. Speed Bump never gets up early enough to get the worm. However one day, Speed Bump along with his sidekick Slingshot decide to get up before dawn. The pair soon discover that the worms have something awful planned for Speed Bump's brother Early Bird. Our heroes save the day, but their reward doesn't turn out to be the treat Speed Bump expected.

The book's combination of sketches, speech bubbles, and attractively displayed text will draw in young readers.

While some of the jokes may be missed by younger children, librarians will find that the wacky illustrations and silly story will appeal to the target audience. Add this to the library's collection of humorous chapter books for the primary grades.

Learn more about the author at <http://www.speedbump.com/>.

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TJL says

I read through this quickly while I was at work, and oh man, it was actually pretty funny. I mean, this book is probably aimed at elementary schoolers, and I'm 24. It made me laugh anyway. The author's got a real talent for humor.

Definitely check this out.

Cindy Dobrez says

Dave Coverly cracks me up. I loved Dogs Are People, Too so I grabbed this one when I saw it. I'd recommend it for fans of Bird & Squirrel graphic novels who are ready to move on to more text. My favorite part as an adult reader were the chapter opening panels including the dedication, and the occasional jokes for adults who may be reading this aloud to their children. The artwork is fabulous, too.

Faydra says

Not my sense of humor but this rating is because my 10yo thought it very funny and my 8yo non-reader (has FragileX) sat with me the entire 30-ish minutes it took me to read it to him and then walked around with it the next two days still enjoying the pics/going through on his own.
