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Headmasters behaving badly!

When four former headmasters arrive at Highcrest Academy to take part in the school's anniversary celebrations, the students are warned to be on their best behaviour.

Unfortunately, no one told the headmasters to stay out of mischief too! Which means Friday Barnes soon has a case to solve. But unravelling the truth isn't easy when the whole school is being forced to eat paleo because the cook is on a diet; her best friend's brother won't stop blubbering about the terrible boat accident he may or may not have caused; and Friday is being trailed by a mysterious admirer - or is it a stalker?

Can Friday find the facts among the mayhem? She'd better. The fate of Highcrest depends on it!

Bitter Enemies Details

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Debbie Williams says

I love Friday and her friends. Melanie makes me laugh outloud. If you want to stay young at heart and read something that cheers you up - this is the series to do it.

Kate says

I absolute oh loved this book, I couldn't put it down!! I never would have guessed that all four headmasters were working together. Another great book from this series!!

Cruth says

Author: R.A. Spratt

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Book 7 and another comfortable read. Fun and exciting for the young reader.

Friday is getting older (13 now, and in year 8) and is starting to understand boy-girl feelings. She is not as disengaged from her peers as she was at the start of the series and has become more "normal" - or perhaps we have learnt to understand her differences.

In previous books, Friday solved multiple minor mysteries and one major. In *Bitter Enemies* it's really just the one. This does make a more cohesive story and lends itself to the older reader with a longer attention span - reasonable given the reader ages along with the protagonist - but I miss the novelty and teaching moments Spratt was able to include previously.

Maybe that's what I really need to accept. Spratt has adjusted the style of the book; it's less challenging with fewer references to literature and science. The books are *easier*. The reader doesn't get pushed to learn more, to look things up, to read other things.

And that makes me a little sad.

It's still a fun read, and remains a recommended read.

Friday Barnes:

Book 1 Girl Detective

Book 2 Under Suspicion

Book 3 Big Trouble

Book 4 No Rules

Book 5 The Plot Thickens

Book 6 Danger Ahead

Book 7 Bitter Enemies

Book 8 *Never Fear* (to be released 2018?)

Age:

Read aloud - 7+

Read yourself - 9+

References:

R.A.Spratt website: <http://raspratt.com/tag/friday-barnes/>

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Alison says

This is a really good book that you can't put down! It's full of mysteries and adventure. -Abby, age 7

Erin says

An excellent instalment of this series, and very nicely paced! Enjoyed this as much as the first Friday Barnes book, and some decent twists and turns. Look forward to the next book!

Angela says

This series is awesome. Recommended especially for girls ages 8+. I love how literal Friday is in her observations, how matter-of-fact but also vulnerable, and how her friends understand her and love her for who she is.

Fatima says

Gosh I love this so much. Another brilliant mystery. Actually kinda darker than previous ones. Some serious twists. I love the Abotomey storyline, very funny, great affect on the story. Melanie & The Headmaster continue to make me laugh out loud. Ian & Friday are just so great, and adorable. And I'm so sad there's only one more of their stories to read boohoo. The ending of this book made me sad and mad and I'm worried about the final book, and where all the characters are going to end up. But I'm also really looking forward to it!

McKayla says

Friday Barnes: Bitter Enemies was okay. That is as much as I can say for it. It was...fun, yes, shoving 4 former headmasters in one school. It was...funny, yes, shoving 4 former headmasters in one school. But that is all I can say for it. Unlike some of the other Friday Barnes books, it wasn't totally amazing, it was just average. For me, it was a bit of a disappointment due to it being after the absolutely fantastic and brilliant Danger Ahead. The plot was not the best in the world, and neither was the cover or chapter 17, but the Headmaster's heart attack was pretty clever, and so were various other punchlines.

Poor Friday gets shoved in another love triangle again. Luckily, it doesn't take up as much of the plot as the Friday - Ian - Chris one did, so it was good. And Friday wasn't lovesick over it or anything and focused on the mystery at hand. Luckily, the love triangle is solved when Melanie gets Harrison, so that was fine by me. It was an interesting pairing, especially considering Harrison was a stalker, but either than that, I was okay with the relationship. In my opinion, in this book Ian was in love with Friday, but Friday didn't like him that way back.

As for solving the mystery, you can't really do it. I guess you can because they looked through Dr Wallace's laundry and saw the gym clothes, but even Friday only found out by hitching a ride.

The cliffhanger, however, was good leading into the next, and last, book. The fact alone that the Headmaster has retired was shocking, but being replaced by Dr Belcredi added to the vast amount of shock and questions. But Friday moving up to Year 12? Oh no, the next book was going to be interesting.
