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Benny spots a big cardboard box with a note taped to it saying, "Do Not Open." His imagination runs wild, and it's almost too much for a curious boy to bear. He thinks about all of the things, good and bad, that could be inside that box. A birthday robot? A wolverine? An entrance to another world? What should he do? This endearingly illustrated tale of a classic childhood dilemma has a surprise ending and offers a peek into a young boy's mind as he weighs tantalizing possibilities against the risks of breaking the rules.

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Barbra says

When Benny spots a box that says "Do Not Open," he imagines everything possible that it could hold, from cookies to robots to puppies. The big surprise is that he doesn't really open it. Children three to five can use their imaginations as they guess what could be inside.

Pam says

Though tempting, the young boy does not open the box. He imagines all the things that could be in it but resists opening it.

Young readers will be surprised to discover his sister hiding in the box to scare him.

Pam says

The boy has more self-restraint than most adults faced with a sign that says "do not open" :D

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

This was a great little story. Benny sees a huge box that says "Do Not Open This Box". Being a typical child he tries to imagine what might be in the box. Could it be cookies or maybe puppies. Should I open the box and let them out. Then he thinks of all the negative things that could be in the box like snakes or monsters. He decides not to open it and walks away. That is a tough decision to make. A cute surprise about what is actually in the box.

I loved the illustrations. The backgrounds were all done like corrugated cardboard and the pictures were colourful and detailed. Children would be able to take their time to look at all the stuff in the pictures. Not a difficult read for younger children and it would make a great read aloud, especially when talking about patience. A great addition to home, classroom, school and public libraries.

I received a copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Donna Maguire says

Awww this book was great - Benny is just your typical young boy. In this story Benny spots a big cardboard box with a note taped to it saying, "Do Not Open." His imagination runs wild and the book covers his thoughts - what is in the box??? A really good way to illustrate his dilemma about the risks of breaking the rules. Its packed with brilliant illustrations too.

Melanie Therese says

Do Not Open the Box! is super cute. It's difficult for a story as short as this to manage a twist ending, but this one does it handily. The various things that could be in the box, both delightful and frightful, are imaginative and fun. The illustrations are really playful and fun.

Highly recommended!

Ashley says

This was really cute. I liked that Benny used his very vivid imagination, but that he ultimately listened and followed directions- and it was a good thing too.

Kid Lit Reviews says

Do Not Open the Box immediately screams out, "This is a Timothy Young book!" Young has an unmistakable style that includes round-faced kids with expressive eyes and a goofy sense of humor I love. Young's books are fun and humorous, sure to be fan favorites. Do Not Open the Box will be the same. Young must have never truly grown-up as he has the young Benny down perfectly. The objects Benny imagines are very boy-oriented. I love the twist, at the end. Often Young's endings are unpredictable and Do Not Open the Box is no exception.

I would love to write a spoiler and tell you how the book ends, but I won't. Young children, especially boys, will love Do Not Open the Box. The illustrations add volumes to the story. Each object Benny imagines comes to life. Like an explosion, most objects . . .

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Darlene says

For those who think today's kids have no imagination, try this book. Kids will have a blast wondering what joys or horrors might lie inside the box. Reminds me of childhood when an empty box was an adventure waiting to happen. Told with humor, and a clever twist, it will be a favorite read.

Belinda Missen says

A copy of this book was generously provided by Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review.

This was gorgeous. A fun little book about siblings playing pranks on each other. The illustrations were minimal, as were the words, making for a lovely little read for the intended age group.

Would definitely look for more books by this author.

Richelle Zirkle says

Cute story about a boy who is tempted to open the box labeled 'do not open the box.' He imagines that it could be something wonderful, and he imagines that it could be something terrifying. Young readers will have a good laugh when the mystery of the box is finally revealed.

I received an ARC in exchange for my honest review.

Emily says

A cute book with a surprise ending! It was a bit like Pandora's Box for kids. I liked it, and it will be a fun story time book.
