

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Grunts in Trouble by Philip Ardagh, Illustrated by Alex Scheffler

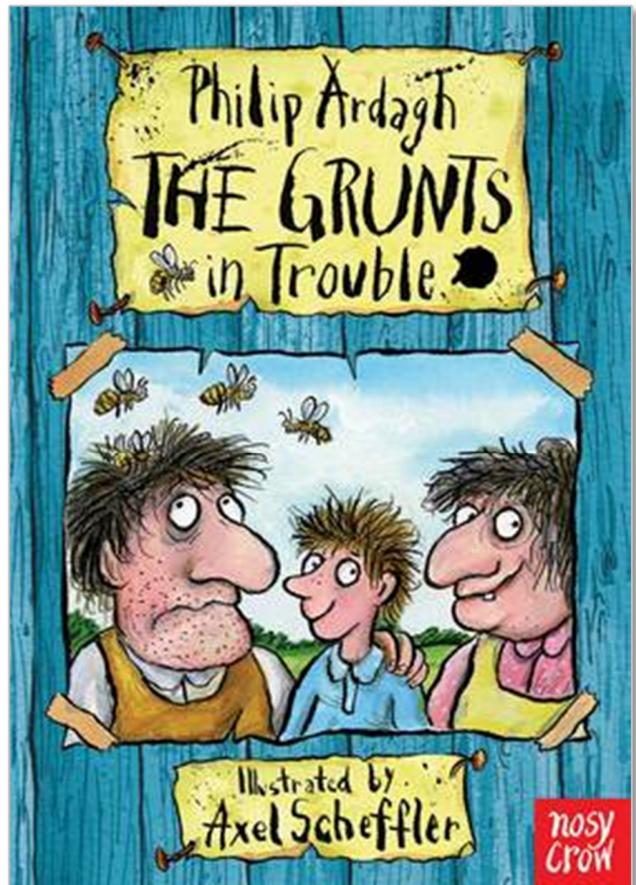
Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Rodrigo Davies, age 7

'The Grunts in Trouble' by Philip Ardagh is absolutely superb! This book made me laugh so much, I couldn't stop reading it! What makes the book so funny is the way Philip Ardagh uses words so cleverly and amusingly and how he talks to the reader directly throughout the book.

Philip Ardagh makes me feel like the characters are real. And they are so funny!. As I was reading the book, because of what the characters were saying and how they were behaving, I felt that I would love to be part of the Grunts family. They are a bit crazy but so much fun!

I also learnt the word incandescent and how to use brackets properly! So I had fun and learnt at the same time! My parents were delighted with that! I have liked this book and the writer so much that I have already got my Mum to buy me another book by Philip Ardagh!



Oliver Lonsdale, age 6

I liked this book about the Grunt family because it was funny. My favourite character was Sunny their son who they stole off a washing line. Mr and Mrs Grunt are very funny too as they are always fighting in a playful way

and make me laugh out loud. Its a bit of a a crazy story but its lovely to have the pictures which made the book more interesting and its not too long that I forget what the story is about.

Daniel Bisland, age 7

The main characters are Mr and Mrs Grunt and Sunny. Mr and Mrs Grunt are not ordinary people; they don't live in a house, they live in an unordinary caravan! They have a son called Sunny (who is not really their son because they stole him from a washing line!). His ears are wonky because he had been on the washing line for so long! In the story, Mimi the boot boy (who is really a girl!) gets chased by bees and is saved by Sunny. Mimi's boss is Lord Bigg, who's mean. The Grunts end up upsetting Lord Bigg... you'll have to read and find out more.

I enjoyed the book because it's funny and I wanted to read on.

I recommend it to free readers like me!

I give 5 stars to the book. *****

I forgot to say that I love the pictures!

Jessica Cobbin, age 7

This book is dead funny, and I stayed up late to keep reading it, even when my Mummy wanted me to go to sleep. The Grunts are a very disgusting family, even worse than Uncle Vernon and Aunt Petunia in 'Harry Potter'. You can see a photo of the author in this book and he has a really funny beard, and in this story, he says that if you don't have a beard, you should ask for one for your birthday. I do NOT want this! I think all the children in my class would find this book funny.

Robyn Loveless, age 8

A funny story with wacky and crazy characters. Both boys and girls who are fans of Mr Gum will love it.

I liked the characters in this book. Sunny is my favourite because he is the most sensible whereas Mr and Mrs Grunt are rather weird e.g. they eat road kill and she has a stuffed cat she adores. I enjoyed the story.

Gabriella Chatham, age 7

'The Grunts in Trouble' is a hilariously laugh out loud story about a crazy family.

The Grunts are not like your average family, no they are bad.

I thought the funniest bit was when Mrs Grunt told Mr Grunt that she wanted a child, so he just went and got one from the washing line next door. But my favourite bit was when Mr Grunt had a bee beard.

I don't think I would like to be in the Grunt family.

I read this book with my mum and she thought it was very funny too.

I think it is suitable for lots of different age ranges.

Chloe Fernandes, age 8

A hilarious story about a crazy family called 'The Grunts'. They get up to a lot of mischief involving a large elephant and some spectacular fireworks!

I read this book called 'The Grunts in Trouble'. This book is about a smelly, old couple that live in a homemade caravan made by Mr Grunt and his Dad. Mr and Mrs Grunt have a son (he's not actually his son - Mr Grunt stole him off a washing line!) They all have fun as they go on a journey to collect 'Fingers' - an elephant from a man called Larry Smalls. Larry wears a top that says 'BIGG AIN'T BEST' because he doesn't like a character called Lord Bigg in the story. He eventually decides to blow up Lord Bigg's house with the fireworks Mr Grunt gave him. I thought this book was excellent and very funny. I really liked the illustrations because they bring the story to life.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 9

The Grunts are a really funny family. They live in a caravan which they made themselves, they stole their son from a washing line and they are always getting up to mischief. Really funny book.

I loved this book as it was really funny. Not sure I would want to live with the Grunts though as they are very odd! Have you ever seen an elephant towing a caravan with donkeys riding at the back? No? Well read this book and find out why this happened! The pictures in this book are great too. I think this book would appeal to boys and girls.

Brodie Greenslade, age 8

'The Grunts' is a funny story of an unusual family and their even more unusual search for an elephant.

'The Grunts in Trouble' is a funny story about a boy named Sunny who, when he was a baby, was hung up on a washing line by his ears (which is why they are so wonky)! He was snatched from the washing line by Mr Grunt who, along with Mrs Grunt, became Sunny's adoptive parents. Mrs Grunt likes doorstops in the shape of cats and Mr Grunt accidentally gets a beard of bees!

Their new son gets tripped over a lot as he sleeps on the landing in their tiny, crazy caravan house which is converted from a small wooden house, an ice cream van and a motor-bike sidecar.

The Grunt family go in search of an elephant to pull their unusual home along. On the way they meet Larry Smalls who used to own a circus, Mimi the bootboy and a very short man called Jeremy who lives inside a fibreglass tomato!

The Grunts keep running into strange characters and plenty of trouble – will they ever find the elephant they are looking for? And will Sunny's hair ever lie flat?

I liked the Grunts because it was hilariously funny, very well written and a tiny bit sad. I also really enjoyed Axel Scheffler's very funny illustrations.

Ollie Wright, age 8 - Evercreech Church of England Primary School

This book is funny, full of trouble and excitement. I liked all the jokes in the story, and all of the bees! Oh, did I mention the bees? I should warn you about the bees!

This story is set in Mr and Mrs Grunt's caravan. They take their caravan all over the world. Mr and Mrs Grunt are travelling and stumble upon a large manor house which is called 'Bigg Manor'. They meet a guy called Larry Smalls, who absolutely hates Bigg Manor. He decides to blow it up but Sunny, who is kind of the hero, tries to stop him.

The most exciting part is when they find Fingers the Elephant.

The one thing they could add to make it better is to add a bit more action and that the Grunts travel more, to other places around the world. I would give this book a 9 out of 10.

Lily Benner, age 9

A hilariously funny book. I laughed from beginning to end.

The Grunts are quite an odd family of "no fixed abode". They travel around in an odd caravan causing trouble and upsetting people, with very funny results.

Sunny, the Grunts stolen son, who wears a blue dress, is the hero of the book, and is my favourite character along with Larry Smalls.

There are some very strange happenings, characters and adventures in this tale with not one dull moment.

I enjoyed this book so much that I read it in double quick time, and even my mum thought it was funny.

Edgar Perez, age 6

'The Grunts in Trouble' is about a boy called Sonny who gets hung from the washing line by his ears. Mr Grunt then steals him from the washing line. The Grunts have two donkeys called Clip and Clop and a caravan made out of half a shed and half an ice-cream van.

I really liked the part when Larry Smalls tries to blow up Bigg Manor with a bow and arrow lit with fire. Also when they meet Mr Lippy the Clown as they were looking for an elephant called Fingers. I think the author could have used more and stronger adjectives. Like massive instead of big to describe Mr Lippy's lips.

In general I thought the book was very good, funny and amusing. I would definitely read more books about these characters.

Isabelle Stevens, age 7

Evercreech Church of England Primary School

I'm finding this book a bit dull because there is not much funniness in it. *The only things which are funny are Mimi getting chased by the bees, and Mr Grunt having a beard full of bees. I found this funny because Mimi had perfume on and Mr Grunt had kicked the lamp post which made the bees come out to check out Mr Grunt but the bees got attached to Mimi because of the flower scent in the perfume.*