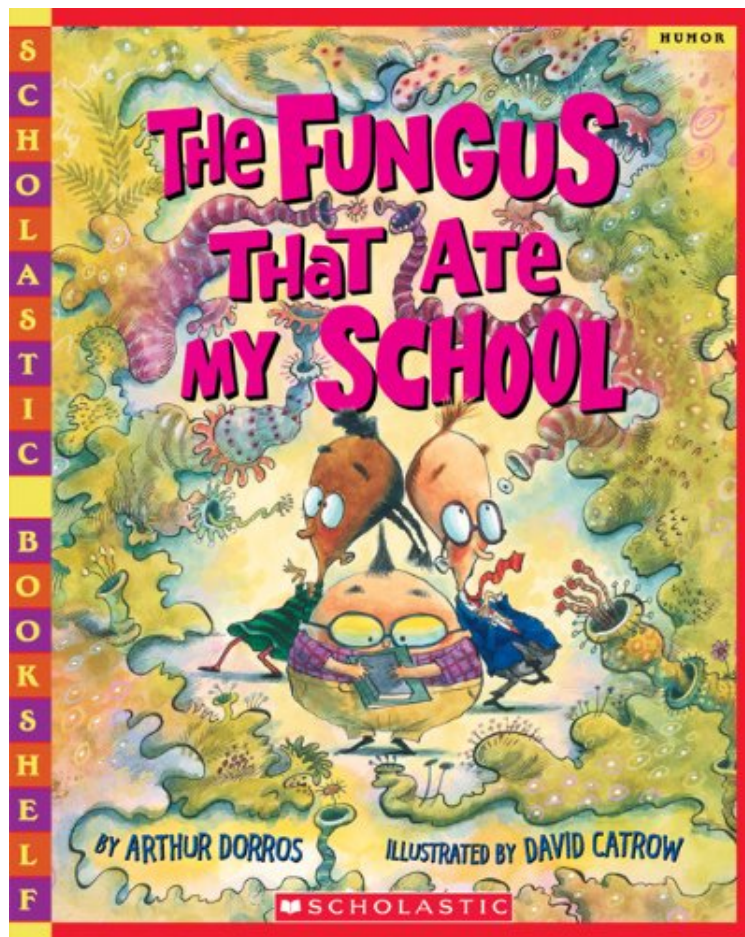


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Crowd pleaser By The Enlightened Shopper Kids at the daycare loved this book so much that I had to get it! The illustrations are cleverly drawn, the words easy to understand without being small basic words, and the storyline is fun and interesting. My son struggles with focus and has no I love for words or letters; however, he never tires of the colorful characters or growing fungus that takes over this school! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. FUN! By Evelyn M. Chatters The students were very engaged when I read it. They really enjoyed it. It was a great introduction to the fungi kingdom - the negative and positive aspects of fungi. 4 of 4

people found the following review helpful. It's a thriller!By Maxine RiggersAs the children's librarian at the community library, I'm always looking for a book that will appeal to the kids and when I read this one, I know for sure the kids would love it!When three science students leave their fungus experiment unattended over spring break, the fungus grows and grows until it becomes out of control. It appears to be eagerly eating up the school. The illustrations are outlandish and a delight with full pages of yellow and green fungus that takes on various shapes.The humor is contagious and I can hardly wait to hear the laughter of the kids when they begin to read this book!

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. While the students are home for spring vacation, the fungus they are growing in their classroom grows and grows and takes over the entire school.

From Publishers WeeklyDorros's (Abuela; Rain Forest Secrets) hyperbolic romp is unapologetically silly, the stuff of B movies. During a particularly damp spring break, a science-class mold experiment outgrows its jar. Three elementary schoolers return from vacation to find an amorphous algae-green shape dominating the lab and library. The giant slimy thing seems to pose no threat to humans, but its purple-splotched feelers, orange-striped tentacles and hairy cilia grope the brackish schoolyard. Part of the huge organism sits at the principal's desk, waving a tardy slip in a rakish caricature; another portion works in the cafeteria, where a chalkboard menu offers "tuna leucocephalum" and "peaches sporangia." The slender plot gets lots of help from Catrow (She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!), who turns a quaint schoolhouse into a little shop of horrors. Dr. Seuss's influence can be seen in Catrow's squiggly line drawings, which feature mushroom-like trees and eccentric characters; Catrow's own signature can be detected in the sickly pink and mossy green blotches of watercolor, which effectively gross out the audience. Good for plenty of yucks. Ages 5-8. (Apr.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.From School Library JournalPreSchool-Grade 1-Mr. Harrison's science class is studying and growing various fungi in jars. Returning from a rainy spring break, the students discover that the mold has escaped from its container and spread throughout the leaking, closed-up building. Catrow's exuberant watercolor-and-gouache illustrations reveal the frisky fungus taking over the school: serving food in the cafeteria, answering the principal's phone, and devouring books in the library. The artwork's constant movement, humorous situations, and varying perspectives call for close examination; the story, however, is less than exciting. At the teacher's request, fungus-expert Professor Macademia not only rids the school of the unwanted parasite, but also declares it a "great discovery" for which Mr. Harrison and his class receive an award. The weak tale predictably ends with the teacher announcing, "No more fungus experiments-until next year." The humor comes from the pictures of the three-student school and its inhabitants, both human and thallophyte. An additional purchase at best.Maryann H. Owen, Racine Public Library, WI Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.