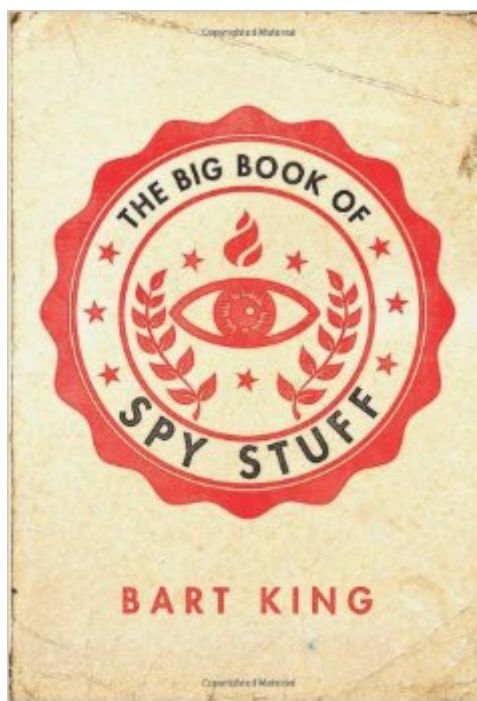


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The Big Book Of Spy Stuff



Synopsis

From chaos to counter-intelligence, and secret messages to gadgets, *The Big Book of Spy Stuff* opens top-secret files on sabotage and espionage with humor and amazement. With King's entertaining book as a guide, you can pull the cloak of mystery away from history's sneakiest sneaks ... and can work on your own spy activities! But before you're granted a security clearance, take a good look around. Somebody might be watching you right now!

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Age Range: 8 and up

Grade Level: 5 - 6

Customer Reviews

I enjoy Bart King's Big Book series. I can see why kids would like them, and they usually have a few laughs for the adults too. It doesn't hurt that he's a local author, either. His latest book, *The Big Book of Spy Stuff*, follows in the path of the previous Big Books, and may indeed be one of the best ones he's written. If a kid is interested in espionage and spying, he'll actually learn quite a bit. Adults might even pick up a few knowledge nuggets along the way, too.

Contents: Danger Is My Nickname; "Ethical Issues"? What Are Those?; High-Tech Espionage!; Secret Agent Tool Kits & Self-Defense!; Espionage & Communication; Dishonesty - It's the Best Spy Policy; Eavesdropping!; Surveillance; Disguises, Alibis & Covers; Animal Spies; Sneaking, Following & Escaping!; Operation Mincemeat - Based on a False Story; Misinformation; Sabotage & Assassination?; Secret Messages & Code-Breaking; Spymasters; Keeping Secrets Secret!; The Best (and Worst!) Secret Names Ever;

Spy-Catching and Lie-Detecting; The Best-Dressed Agents; Famous (& Infamous) Spies; The 12 Types of Spy Screw-Ups; Weird Assignments; Becoming a Pro; Agencies!; Terminology; Selected Bibliography King writes in a style that would appeal to the 8 - 12 age frame. The jokes and puns are juvenile (no pun intended... well, maybe a little), but it works here. Kids will be laughing about assassins on tricycles and hamsters sending blackmail photos (although the idea does sound intriguing). But along the way, King mixes in real history and information. For instance, your kids will learn about Operation Mincemeat, a disinformation operation by the Allies in WWII that was a key reason for the success at Normandy.

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