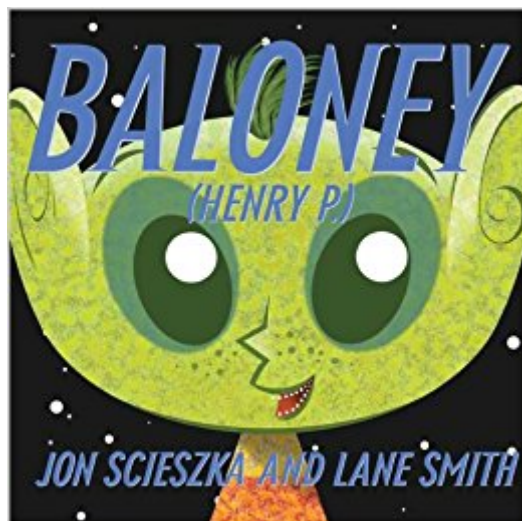


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## Baloney (Henry P.)



## Synopsis

The twisted team that gave the world *Squids Will Be Squids* and *The Stinky Cheese Man* now delivers a whole lot of Baloney. Henry P. Baloney. Henry is an alien schoolkid who needs to come up with one very good excuse to explain why he is late for szkola, again. Otherwise, his teacher Miss Bugscuffle promises, it's Permanent Lifelong Detention. Henry's tall tale of his lost zimulis--received from deep space by Jon Scieszka--is told in at least twenty different Earth languages and graphically recreated in Lane Smith's out-of-this-world illustrations. The unbelievable trip into Henry's wild universe may be the most original excuse ever for being late for szkola. Or it might just be Baloney. Henry P. Baloney.

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## Customer Reviews

Henry P. Baloney needs to come up with a very good, very believable excuse for being late to szkola yet again--or he's in big trouble with his teacher Miss Bugscuffle. But never fear! Henry has a doozy of a story. You see, it all started when he misplaced his trusty yellow no. zz zimulis. One thing led to another, and before he knew it, he was on a razzo blasting off into space, where he eventually landed on the planet Astrosus. All went well there, as the intrepid explorer entertained the Astro guys with his funny piksas--until they decided Henry and his piksas would be entertaining to eat. Things go on in this vein until somehow, miraculously, Henry P. Baloney ends up back in his

classroom, a mere seven minutes late--but still one writing utensil short! Trust the ultracreative author/illustrator pair, Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith (The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales, The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!, the Time Warp Trio series, and more), to mastermind a plot this bizarre and yet somehow familiar to any school kid. Sure, Henry P. Baloney is a cute, saucer-eyed, green alien, but he has problems just like you and me--such as the threat of Permanent Lifelong Detention. Remarkably, as Scieszka reports in his afterword, when he received and decoded the transmission of this story (directly from deep space, mind you), it was written in a combination of many Earth languages, including Finnish, Swahili, Latvian, Esperanto, and Inuktitut (decoder included). Go figure. Caldecott Honor artist Lane Smith must have spent a lot of time in detention, doodling away the hours. His weird, wild, wonderful pictures tell at least half the story, illustrating for readers' enlightenment just what a zimulis ("pencil" in Latvian) or speelplaats (Dutch for "playground") looks like. Fans of this ingenious pair will not be disappointed and may even make a twrf (Welsh for "noise") of joy! (Ages 5 to 9) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book's gleaming silver cover and little green namesake signal intergalactic adventure. Fortunately, Scieszka and Smith (Squids Will Be Squids) prefer innovation to UFO clichés, and this tale of an alien truant is also a language game. Lime-colored, freckled Henry P. Baloney is late for class and faces "Permanent Lifelong Detention" from Miss Bugscuffle. He concocts an excuse that spools across the pages in emphatic, italicized capital letters. " 'I would have been exactly on time,' said Henry. 'But... I misplaced my trusty zimulis. Then I... um... found it on my deski.' " Smith's airbrush-speckled collages zoom from a closeup of a pencil to Henry leaning over a kidney-shaped desk; thus, "zimulis" and "deski" enter the vocabulary. Henry goes on to describe being crowned "kuningas" of another planet and almost getting shot with a "blassa." A "Decoder" at the back of the book reveals that all 20 unfamiliar terms are either non-English (the Dutch "speelplaats" means "playground") or wordplay ("flying saucer" becomes "sighing flosser"). Contextual cues allow readers with no prior knowledge of Italian, Latvian or Polish to comprehend Henry P.'s hyperboles: "I jammed the razzo controls with my zimulis so I could land behind szkola and still be on time," says Henry, and Smith pictures a rocket console, a variety of dials and Henry's pencil. Amateur linguists will have a field day exploring this non-nonsense. All ages. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love to use this book with my students to teach them about context clues! Children of all ages can relate to the story because it is about a little boy who tries to come up with excuses for his teacher as to why he does not have his assignments done.

great for teaching context clues

My students love this book- great for teaching lessons on context clues.

Cute book that is silly and perfect for teaching context clues!

I saw this book used in a Balanced Literacy workshop as a tool to teach vocabulary strategies (i.e. in order to help know what unfamiliar words mean you can look at the pictures to help you, ask yourself does the word sound or look familiar etc...) It was an amazing lesson and my second graders were entrenched in the book. They also were engaged as they had a worksheet in front of them where they'd have to guess what the unknown word meant and what strategy they used to figure the word out. (also taken from the Bal. Lit. workshop) I would highly recommend this book to any teacher. The unknown words in it are supposed to be alien type words, but at the end you'll find a surprise. Terrific Book!

My 7 year old son states "it was ok." It would have been better if it was lengthier....more meat to the story.

I used this book with my 4th grade students to work on Context clues! It was a huge hit.

I read this book before I presented it to my grade three class. I found myself howling with laughter at the excuses offered by Henry P. As I predicted, my students all enjoyed and giggled when I read it to them. After I read it, I placed it in the "sharing" center for them to borrow and read. They all clamored to get it. Then they began negotiating to see who would get it next. I saw them reading and going over those very special words AND making sense of them. What better recommendation is that??!!

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