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Alien Next Door



Synopsis

See a new, caring side to the legendary science fiction monster as he tends to Jonesy the cat, endeavours to keep his house cleaner than the Nostromo, and searches for his place on a cold, new, alien world: Earth. From facehuggers to feather dusters, discover how the perfect killing machine relaxes after a day of scaring space marines.

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Customer Reviews

Adorable! The only thing I didn't realize was it was a picture book, thought it would have a small story but it doesn't. But it's ok, it's still super cute and can't wait to have my husband go through it with out son.

How could you possibly not love this little picture book? It is cute, clever, and touching, and gives you a very unlikely affection for a giant bug that wants to put something awful in your chest! I am so glad I picked it up, because I think if you are a fan of the Alien series, or even just H.R. Giger's art, this is a great addition to any collection. I found it instantly endearing, and I especially liked the way the artist paid tribute to the great man whose mind birthed the creature into our culture and our dreams. Far from ridicule, this is a gentle and, at times, even sweet collection of funny little what-ifs involving Jonesy the cat, shopping, and trying to make it as a normal monster in a busy, fast paced world. I really loved this book, and it didn't bother me in the slightest that there are no words. It doesn't need them!

This book is very funny and a fun gift for those who love the "Alien" films in your life (this was a Christmas present for my younger brother). I bought this and was very satisfied with it, however it doesn't get the full 5 stars because it is just a straight up picture book. I was under the impression that these pictures (which are all printed nicely and very very funny) would have some funny captions to them but they do not. Overall, a funny and unique present, just know that it is solely a picture book with no writing at all.

This little booklet is a delightfully humorous romp through the Aliens universe! It's small in format and a tad short on pages, but I believe any Aliens fan will get their full money's worth from this title. If you are new to the world of Aliens, then I would suggest some of the movie books such as "The Book of Alien" and "Alien Vault" as your next -- or added -- purchases, but if you are already familiar with the films this book is worth the purchase. While many of the cartoons require no explanation, others have some fairly detailed movie references subtly sprinkled about. While I'm certain there are even more that a better Aliens fan or more observant reader than I will uncover, here are the less obvious movie nods that I noticed, as well as an explanation of some of the cartoons that some might not get right away. This book does not have page numbers, so I hope that my descriptive titles will be enough to clarify which cartoon I'm referring to. **WARNING: SPOILERS AHEAD!** I recommend that you read the book first, and then come back here to compare lists. Enjoy!-- Game Over Man: The high scores are by Newt, Ripley, and the Xenomorph.-- Hang In There: That's Jones the cat giving a little inspiration to our favorite Xenomorph.-- Barber Shop: That's Ripley in the chair . . . Hint: Think Alien 3.-- Refrigerator Run: Androids bleed white.-- No Bowling Shoes: That's the Sulaco crew on the scoreboards.-- Mop Time: This appears to be the Fury 161 dining area where Andrews fails entirely in his attempt at Rumor Control. A small rubber ball on the floor would have completed this scene for me.-- Batter Up: In case you're living in an area entirely insulated from Hispanic culture, that's a piñata, an empty cardboard construction filled with toys and candy that blindfolded partygoers try to break open with a bat or stick. The author even got right the feathery paper used to cover piñatas!-- Coiling Up with a Good Book: "Nostromo" is a novel written by Joseph Conrad in 1904; it is titled after one of the main characters. On a side note, the story takes place in the fictitious South American city of Sulaco--the name of the Colonial Marine spaceship in Aliens.-- Trick or Treat: That's undoubtedly Newt under the ghostly sheet.-- Space Invaders: That's the console chair from the Nostromo's MU-TH-UR mainframe computer access room.-- Vacuum Time: Nothing hidden here--Ripley lending a

domestic hand with the power loader was just one of my two favorites.-- Happy

MU-TH-UR™s Day: MU-TH-UR is the Nostromo ship™s mainframe computer, and this is the mainframe room.-- Xenos and Dolls: This is from the scene in Aliens where Newt is captured by the Xenomorph. When Hicks cuts through the floor seconds too late to rescue her, all that remains is the floating head of Newt™s doll, Casey. In this re-imagining a helpful alien has found Casey™s body, hitherto unseen in the movie. This is my other favorite cartoon in this book.-- Welcome to Hadley™s Hope: The population of 158 is movie-accurate, and I believe the 2179 date is correct as well.-- Spa Time: That™s the Space Jockey™s chair from Alien.-- Laundry Time: From left to right the hanging laundry belongs to Brett (Hawaiian shirt), Parker (headband), Ash, Kane (post-chestbursting), and of course Ripley.-- In Limbo: While most of the human characters in these cartoons are identifiable, the Xenomorph™s limbo cheerleader in this cartoon remains a mystery to me. My best guess is Call from Alien Resurrection based on the vest, but the cowboy boots don™t quite match the movies.-- First Day of School: The license plate 5251979 is the release date of Alien, May 25 1979. The bus number 86 is the release year of Aliens, 1986.-- Car Wash: I found this cartoon unusual in that the Xenomorph washing the APC is bikini-topped and thong-bottomed, while the author allows her to run mostly un-garmented throughout the rest of the book. Note that while many may consider the alien hierarchy to be made up of a single queen and many male warriors or drones, the bee and ant societies that the alien hierarchy is clearly modeled after are composed mostly of sterile female workers. The bathing attire is therefore biologically accurate.-- Graveside Visit: This would have made a very appropriate final cartoon for the book, but the author chooses to end it on a lighter note. Thank you for making me smile, Mr. Spiotto. "Not bad for a human."

I'm a big fan of the "Alien" franchise. When I saw this book, I knew that I had to have it. Upon arrival, I was happy with the purchase immediately. The depictions of the Xenomorph just trying to live it's life, just like anyone else, are funny, well drawn, and sometimes even cute. I found myself kind of wondering...have we ever really seen a Xenomorph that was NOT trying to be captured, killed, or experimented on by humans? Maybe, just maybe...they're a fun loving species that want nothing more than to feed their cats and go to the dentist.....well, maybe not.

Ranging from the macabre to the ludicrous, this book never fails to give me a smile. I keep it at my desk at work (near my Alien statues) so I can browse through the images for a smile or a laugh. I hope the author makes another book along this vein. I'd love to be able to buy "Facehugs for

Everyone." I enjoy his quirky humor and the simplistic style of his illustrations. If you love the franchise, I think you'll also get a kick out of this simple, devilishly fun book and its somewhat twisted humor.

I'm a huge Alien(s) fan and when I saw this, I had to have it. It's as sweet and innocent as a picture book about a murderous xenomorph can be. Highly recommended for fans, collectors, and people who just like fun picture books.

A really cute book with great artwork! I was expecting a narrative book when I bought it but that's not what it is; it's really just a picture collection (no words whatsoever) but it's still really really cute to look through. :)

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