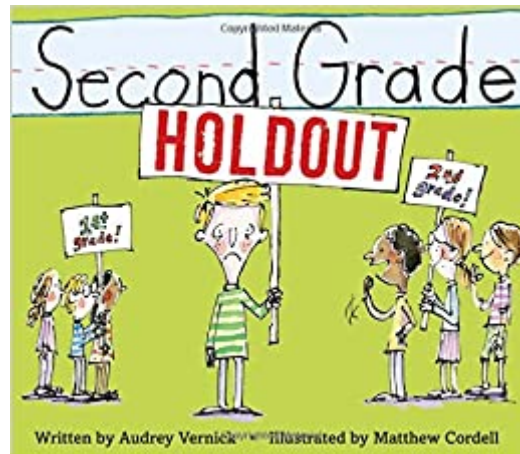




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# Second Grade Holdout



## Synopsis

Second grade? Pfff! No, thanks. The comically anxious narrator in this book thought that first grade had its problems, but overall it was pretty awesome. He'll take grade one over grade two any day, thank you very much! Especially because he and Tyler, his best friend, will not be in the same class this school year. On top of that, Tyler's sisters have been feeding the boys a steady stream of rumors about the horrors of second grade. Luckily they catch on that just maybe some of those stories are not one hundred percent true. Could it be that second grade is not so bad? Find out in this laugh-out-loud story that has more than its fair share of heart.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

"Funny and relatable, this book will make kids laugh out loud." [The Washington Post](#)  
"A new look at an age-old fact: change is hard but maybe not as hard as what one might imagine." [Kirkus](#)  
"Cordell's scraggly cartooning expertly channels the narrator's nervousness (and Tyler's sisters' mischievousness), and although Vernick ends on an encouraging note, she keeps the anxiety-fueled jokes coming until nearly the last page."  
[Publishers Weekly](#) "Vernick introduces a problem familiar to a certain personality type

“I wish everything could just stay the way it was” and allows readers to recognize, and maybe even laugh at, themselves.” •Horn Book “Vernick gives a deft twist of humor to real anxieties about competence, growth, and change, and the sibling dynamic is both authentic and funny... Audiences will be tickled by the narrator’s attempted evasion, and they may enjoy coming up with some school whoppers of their own.” •Bulletin

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I thought this was a delightful story for the beginning of the school year as students are adjusting to a new teacher, new friends, new routines and plenty of anxiety. The fear of the unknown or what they’ve “heard” is often worse than reality. I’m looking forward to sharing it with my second graders soon.

She’s done it again! I like This one even more than *First Grade Dropout* (which I loved).

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