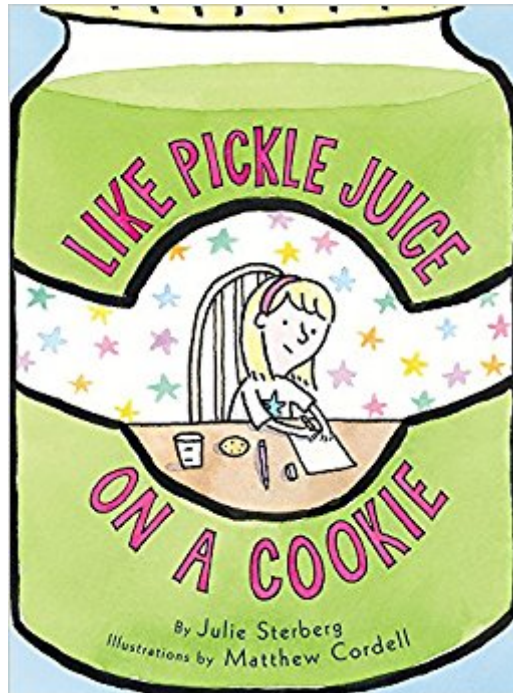




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# Like Pickle Juice On A Cookie (Eleanor)



## Synopsis

I had a bad August. A very bad August. As bad as pickle juice on a cookie. Eleanor's beloved babysitter, Bibi, is moving away. Suddenly, the things she used to enjoy aren't fun anymore—everything reminds her of Bibi. To make matters worse, Eleanor has a new babysitter, who just isn't the same. But as the new school year looms ahead, so do new beginnings. And Eleanor is about to learn some special things about herself, friendship, and the bittersweet process of growing up.

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

Eleanor Abigail Kane has just experienced an August as dreadful as the black parts on a banana: her beloved babysitter, Bibi, has moved away to Florida to care for her ill father, and Eleanor is bereft. How she grows to love a new babysitter, while still cherishing Bibi, forms the center of this understated early chapter book. The story is told in straightforward, steady verse that echoes the gradual pace of Eleanor's healing process. Surrounded by adults who are sympathetic to her loss, Eleanor is allowed time to grieve while being gently encouraged to find joy in new

experiences and friends. Cordell's winsome cartoon drawings complement the text without overcrowding the verse. The phrase "pickle juice on a cookie" is used at first to describe something tragic, and then something ridiculous, and fortunately, this title falls into neither category. It tells a simple, poignant story that will resonate with any child who has ever had to say good-bye. Grades 2-4. --Kara Dean --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I'm a third grade teacher and one of my students wrote this review. I hope you enjoy it as much as she did! Ever felt the feeling when your favorite and first babysitter moves away? Eleanor Kane felt that feeling when Bibi (her babysitter) moved to Florida. *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie* by Julie Sternberg is an outstanding book for you to read. How is Eleanor going to deal with this? This book is about Eleanor, a unique and quiet fourth grader. She wanted Bibi to stay with her and not move to Florida. But she had to move because she wanted to be with her dad at the hospital. So her mom tried to find other babysitters. But there were no babysitters that Eleanor liked. Then she began to write letters to Bibi. Will Eleanor feel better and find a babysitter like Bibi? Or will Eleanor not talk or see Bibi anymore? Nothing stopped me from reading this enthusiastic book. At the beginning, I was at the top of the roller coaster ride because some exciting news happened when Eleanor found out that Bibi was moving away to Florida. They had a going away party and everybody was sobbing with tears. The day after Bibi left was heartbreaking. Eleanor had nothing to do because everything reminded her of Bibi. Pray that Eleanor finds a babysitter! Will Eleanor get through this rough moment and find a babysitter like Bibi? Read to find out. I would recommend this book to mostly girls of all ages. I think this book could fit in many genres—realistic fiction, humorous, and more! This book can take you on an adventure ride through happy and sad moments. *Like Pickle Juice On A Cookie* is the book for you! Read it now!

When Eleanor's babysitter moves to Florida, she is miserable. What will she do without Bibi, the best babysitter in the world? Her August is rotten with this loss. She gets a new

babysitter, but she's no Bibi. This is a wonderful children's book dealing with changes in one's life, making adjustments, and attachments that are broken. It's written in verse, and Eleanor is endearing.

"Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie" is a great read for children beginning chapter books. The length of each chapter is manageable and the added pictures are a plus. Eleanor faces a major change when she must say goodbye to her beloved babysitter. She also experiences changes as she deals with receiving a new sitter and beginning third grade. Students are sure to connect with this wonderful tale of Eleanor and her difficult summer. As a teacher, I am always looking for books that have a great message and are written well. "Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie" is that sort of book. Students can learn to welcome the changes in their lives as they experience the changes that Eleanor must face. I also love the wording and layout of the book. The correspondence between different characters shows great use of letter-writing. The use of similes throughout as Eleanor compares her situations to various items is also a plus. I can see a lot of teachable moments coming out of this book.

I am reading this to my class right now and I really like it. The chapters are really short and it is something they can relate to. The book has some mini pictures in it. It is an easy read. The book is based on conversations, so if they don't understand that, it would be hard to follow. There is a lot of, "My dad said.....he said, she said, etc" Otherwise I love the book. A good read aloud for an elementary class.

My daughter loves this book, recommended.

The book is written very well for kids. It's easily keeps your attention. The words are easy to read for my 8 year old who has dyslexia.

I read this to my granddaughter, who is 8, on a day when she wasn't feeling her best. We got through it in two sittings. This is a girl who has to be made to do her reading at night. She thoroughly enjoyed it and wouldn't let me stop until the end.

I love that in the one hour i have had this book it's finished!!!This was such an awesome book and full of love

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