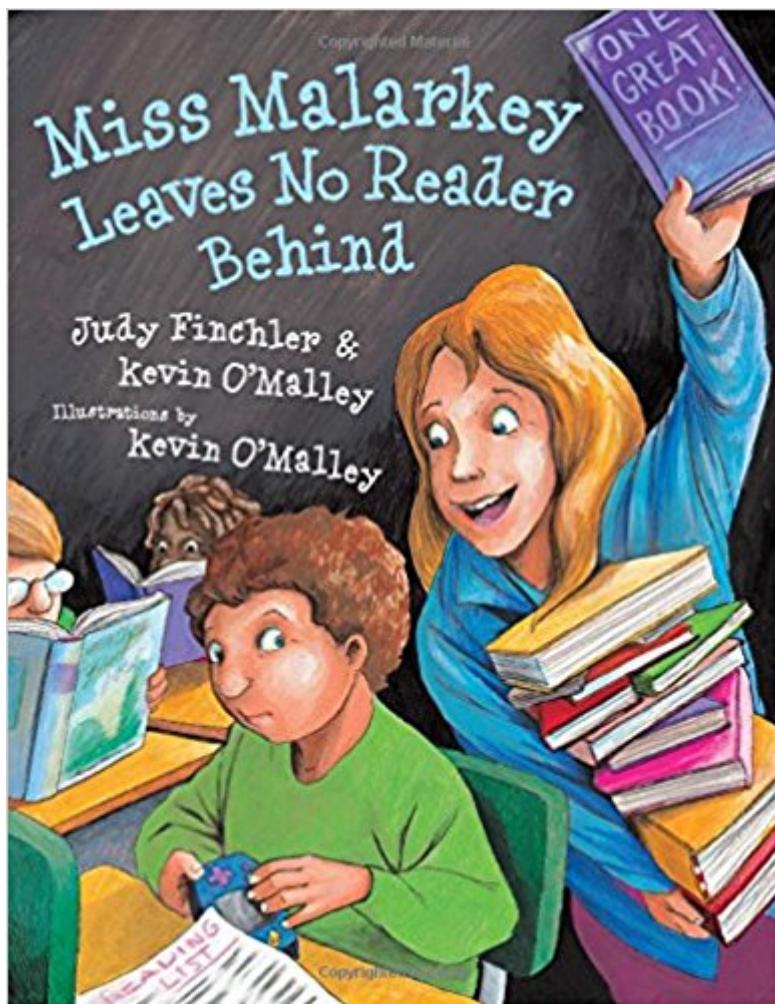


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# Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind



## **Synopsis**

Principal Wiggins has promised to dye his hair purple and sleep on the school roof if the students read 1,000 books this year, and Miss Malarkey is determined to find the right book for every student, including this story's reluctant-reader narrator. Winning her students over book by book, Miss Malarkey will have students loving to read in no time. As the best selling series continues in paperback, no teacher, librarian, or parent should leave this book behind!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 2  
During the first week of school, Principal Wiggins promises that if the students read 1000 books by June 12, he will dye his hair purple and sleep on the roof. Miss Malarkey tells her class that they will be doing the Everybody Reads in America program and promises that all of the students will find books they love before the end of the school year. She picks some for each of them, engaging even reluctant readers. One boy remains unable to find a book he likes until June 10, when Miss Malarkey chooses one that has aliens, race cars, funny jokes, chewing gum, hot sauce, and cannonballs. It becomes number 1001 read by the students and the story ends with everyone wishing Principal Wiggins (whose hair is now purple) a good night

on the roof. This title will resonate with those who choose math, video games, and sports over books. O'Malley's illustrations, done in markers and colored pencils, enhance the text with expressive pictures of the students and their teacher as they explore (or choose not to explore) the joys of reading. The illustrations lend humor and credibility to the reluctance of some of the students. A must-have for all libraries. —Rebecca Sheridan, Easttown Library & Information Center, Berwyn, PA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 1-3. Ace teacher Miss Malarkey returns in a picture book narrated by a reluctant reader. Although comfortable within his small group of video-game-playing buddies, a boy wants to contribute to the schoolwide goal of reading 1,000 books in hope of seeing Principal Wiggins "dye his hair purple and sleep on the roof of the school." Trying one of Miss Malarkey's suggested books after another, he rejects them all--until she finds the perfect one to match his eclectic interests. Expressive cartoon-style illustrations, brightened with markers and colored pencils, create a series of lively scenes in which speech balloons record conversations and comments not found in the text. With an unstated moral, this is one volume that librarians won't soon forget. Short lists of recommended books, including a bibliography of adult books that recommend children's books, are appended. Carolyn PhelanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ah, the enthusiasm of Miss Malarkey! Her youth, her dedication, her tenacity--what wonderful qualities to find in a young teacher. May all the young teachers in classrooms everywhere develop the same strong commitment to their students as Miss Malarkey has! You see, Miss Malarkey is dedicated to this end: "Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind" (note the little play on former President Bush's Leave No Student Behind policy) and searches all year long for just the right book for each student. It all begins when the principal declares at the beginning of the school year that he will dye his hair(piece) purple and sleep on the roof if the students collectively read 1000 books by the end of the year! Miss Malarkey is pumped! She's gotta see that! But even more than purple hair and a wild night on the roof, Miss Malarkey wants all her students to participate in Everybody Reads in America because "reading is about the finest thing a person can do." The narrator, an unidentified boy with no age given, and his friends HATE to read. It's not that he doesn't like Miss Malarkey--he does--he just doesn't like to read. Then he thought if a book were about aliens, race cars, funny jokes, chewing gum, hot sauce, and cannonballs at the pool, he would be game to read it. It doesn't

take Miss Malarkey (have you caught on to her name yet?--really a misnomer because of her good heart and good intent) long to find books for most of the students who actually--gasp!--love to read. But for our narrator, she finds them, he finds them booorrrinngg. Even his friends go on the sly to read so he won't know. When their secret is out, they begin to openly discuss books at Narrator's house, much to his dismay. At last, in June, when the count is 999, Miss M finds a book for our boy--AND he loves it! Yes, yes, he LOVES it! (BTW the name of this wonder book is never given) But that night his parents find him in bed, after hours, under the blanket, with a flashlight--READING!!!Needless to say, the principal dyes his hair and sleeps on the roof. But the greatest thing for our narrator is that he finds a book he actually enjoys. It may not happen again, but it happens at least once in his life. He will always remember Miss Malarkey because she never gives up. She finds him a book to hold his newly stirred interest in a "good" book!At the end the author and illustrator place a list of books on the single subjects our narrator likes, plus books which lists books according to subjects. Two examples are: How to Get Your Child to Love Reading: For Ravenous and Reluctant Readers Alike--an intriguing title-- and Valerie & Walter's Best Books for Children 2nd Ed: A Lively, Opinionated Guide.

This book is great! We almost got our principal to agree to the same challenge, but I found the book a little too late in the year for that. This a great book to kick off the year with.

This is a wonderful book for the beginning of the year! It inspired my students to exceed our principal's goal and challenge her if they succeed.

Love, love, love the Miss Malarkey books! It uses a lot of speech bubbles which makes it a great introduction to that concept for the younger children. I also like how it explains that there is a way to get everyone hooked on reading if you focus on the things they are interested in. Great to use at the beginning of the year for self-selected quiet reading time!

Read it during literacy week to 5th grade. They enjoyed it. Good for even older kids. Kids in story look like upper elementary or middle.

As our school reading specialist, I'm going to read this to our staff at our opening faculty meeting. Hopefully this will inspire the teachers to get to know their students better, discuss books, and motivate the kids to READ!

This book is going to be wonderful for Reader's Workshop!

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