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The Mine-o-saur

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen ; illustrated by David Clark.

Cataloging in Publication

New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2007.

p. cm.

Annotations:

The greedy Mino-o-saur learns the hard way that he needs to share the toys in order to make friends.

State and Provincial Reading Lists:

[Emphasis On Reading, 2008-2009](#) ; Nominee; Grades K-1; Alabama

Horn Book Guide:

Spring 2008 Picture Books Rating 4, Recommended, with minor flaws.

Reading Measurement Programs:

Accelerated Reader

Interest Level Lower Grade

Book Level 2

Accelerated Reader Points **0.5**

Lexile, MetaMetrics, Inc.

Adult Directed

Lexile Measure 400

Reading Counts-Scholastic

Interest Level K-2

Reading Level 2.3

Title Point Value 1

Lexile Measure AD 400

Reviews:

Gwynne Spencer (Children's Literature)

Does the world really need another book that tries to teach kids to share? If it is *The Mine-O-Saur*, the answer is a hearty YES! The grabby bossy saur-head main character makes life a bit more troubled for others at school with his relentless "Mine! Mine! Mine!" as he takes toys and steals all the scones and butter tarts (food is always a measure of the greatness of the book, I think). The others shun him until finally he has a change of heart. Just in the nick of time, right before the reader wants to whack him upside the head, the Mine-O-Saur changes his wicked ways. To his amazement and delight, the others accept him as a forgiven friend. Readers will smile or laugh out loud at the ending when Mine-O-Saur claims his new friends as "Mine! Mine! Mine!" Bright orange endpapers, big-mouthed googly-eyed dinosaurs, and the cheerfully goofy menace that is the grabbysaurus-star of this delightful book will make it a hit. Every classroom has a Mine-O-Saur, and it is this reviewer's fond hope that titles like this will help cure each and every one of them before they get to the corporate boardroom. The author

reveals her sly sense of humor in the flap copy, divulging her family secret that in addition to three children (mini-Mine-O-Saurs?) she also has an imaginary pony, Penny, at her home in New Jersey. A great title to add to the library's "bad behavior" collection that probably includes Rotten Ralph, Curious George, Max and Ruby, Wild Thing Max, and, of course, Olivia. 2007, G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Young Readers Group, \$16.99. Ages 3 to 8.

Cindy Walker (Library Media Connection, November/December 2007)

Younger readers will love the character of Mine-O-Saur as he learns a lesson about sharing and friendship. Mine-O-Saur is a dinosaur that does not want to share with his classmates. Whenever there is an activity in class or fun with toys on the playground, he can't share, constantly saying, "Mine! Mine! Mine!" Because of his actions, Mine-O-Saur learns that it's much more fun sharing and playing with others than playing alone. Readers will have fun chanting, "Mine!" with the character, creating a terrific interactive story to read. Many children will relate to Mine-O-Saur and his feelings throughout the tale. Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen has written a story about friendship using dinosaurs as characters, thus making it a winner among younger children. The amusing illustrations add to the entertainment of the book. Young readers will delight in the characters and their feelings as they learn the value of friendship. Recommended. 2007, G. P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Young Readers Group), 32pp., \$16.99 hc. Ages 5 to 9.

Horn Book (The Horn Book Guide, Spring 2008)

The Mine-o-saur's greediness gains him toys, blocks, and snacks but alienates him from the other dinosaurs in his class. A dose of the cold shoulder helps him see he'd rather have friends than stuff. The text alternates between prose and Mine-o-saur's rhyming tirades. The energetic, colorful illustrations may distract readers from the all-too-apparent message: greed is bad, sharing good. Category: Picture Books. 2007, Putnam, 32pp, 16.99. *Ages 4 to 9.* Rating: 4: Recommended, with minor flaws.

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