

Scholastic Book Fairs Book Reviews

Zoobreak

Written by Gordon Korman

Grades 5 & Up

Mystery & Adventure

240 pages

The “Man with a Plan” is back! When Savannah’s pet monkey, Cleopatra, goes missing, the last place that Griffin, Ben and the rest of the gang expect to find the monkey is on a school field trip to a traveling, floating zoo. Dirty, cramped, smelly and run by a corrupt owner, this zoo is no place for animals! Savannah knows that Cleopatra is hers but she can’t prove it, and the owner isn’t giving up the monkey without a fight. Griffin plans a daring night raid by boat to rescue the monkey. Animal-lover Savannah can’t bear the thought of leaving any of the animals behind to suffer in the deplorable conditions. She knows of a real zoo where they would be happy but unfortunately the owner is away on holidays for two weeks. The kids smuggle back reptiles, rodents and birds to their own homes with hilarious results. How long before their parents and neighbours find beavers in the basement or a meerkat in the garden shed? Griffin thought it was over when he broke the animals out of the zoo — now he’ll have to think of his biggest plan yet to break them *in*!

More about this book...

In this sequel to *Swindle*, Griffin and his friends prove once again that kids can affect change on their own to fight for what’s right. Readers familiar with *Swindle* will enjoy revisiting these likeable characters but this book can also be read as a stand-alone selection.

CONTENT

The horrible living conditions on the floating zoo are described in some detail.

CONTAINS MATURE SUBJECTS/LANGUAGE THAT ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR OLDER READERS

