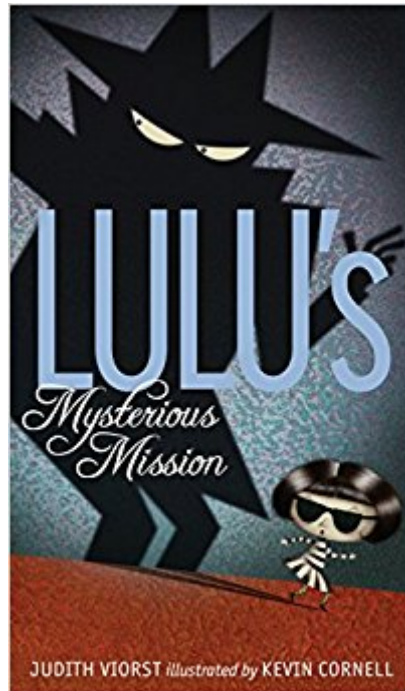


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# Lulu's Mysterious Mission



## Synopsis

This irresistible illustrated chapter book starring Judith Viorst's Lulu is full of hilarious hijinks, delightful twists, and a top-secret mission! Eeny meeny miney mo, That babysitter's got to go. Lulu has put her tantrum-throwing days behind her. That is, until her parents announce that they are going on vacation •WITHOUT LULU. Not only that, but they are leaving her with the formidable Ms. Sonia Sofia Solinsky, who says hello by bellowing, "The Eagle has landed," and smiles at you with the kind of smile that an alligator might give you before eating you for dinner. The second her parents are out of the house, Lulu tries out several elaborate schemes to bring them straight back. But just when she seems to finally be making some headway, her babysitter reveals an astonishing secret—one that has Lulu crossing her fingers that her parents will go on vacation all the time •without her!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Gr 2 • Spoiled little Lulu is back in a third book to tackle a new challenge: a babysitter. Despite Lulu's objection that "babysitters sit babies, and I'm no baby," her parents head off on vacation, leaving her in the care of the intimidating Ms. Solinsky. The little girl does her devious best to get rid of Ms. Solinsky, even preying on her one weakness, a cat allergy, but the

babysitter always seems to be one step ahead of Lulu. When she discovers her babysitter's spy training, an intrigued Lulu offers her best behavior in exchange for a little covert training of her own, culminating in an "MM" or "Mysterious Mission." Over-the-top action and the narrator's dry voice balance out a slightly strained plot. Kevin Cornell steps in as illustrator, replacing Lane Smith, who only did this book's cover. Lulu now looks a little more like a regular girl, with a rounder nose and sneakers, but in the wide variety of diabolical facial expressions she wears, readers will recognize the same troublemaker they have come to know and love. Lulu's fans will be happy to read her next (mis)adventure. —Marian McLeod, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, CT --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Lulu is the type of heroine who is the exact opposite of charming. She is exasperating, tiring, and thinks she is oh-so-clever. This third Lulu book has the heroine meeting her match in a babysitter who is anything but ordinary. In fact, Ms. Solinsky (called in so Lulu's parents can take a well-deserved vacation from Lulu) is a spy in disguise. She agrees to teach her charge the secrets of sleuthing, if—and that's a big if—she behaves. Readers will hang in there to see if Lulu can rise to the various challenges set, including the titular mission, which involves following the clues through a clever scavenger hunt. Viorst has always exercised a light, droll touch, and this latest will suit fans of her other humorous early chapter books. Cornell's illustrations stretch and squish the characters to suit their high-strung antics, while also emphasizing the tall-tale flavor of the adventure—surely Lulu is a match for those legendary heroes if she can successfully transform into a cow (which she can!). Grades 2-4. --Karen Cruze --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My first grade class discovered LuLu and went wild over her antics. We read the first two books and everyone was anxious for the next one to come out. Sadly it didn't reach our room until the end of the school year. But firstie after firstie showed the book to their parents on the last day of school, and ask for it so they could read it over the summer. Now that shows their love and enjoyment of the character. Judith Viorst has a real winner on her hands. The illustrations are fun and fit the outrageous little girl who is a force to be reckoned with. The "Mysterious Mission" does not disappoint as LuLu meets her new baby sitter. Head strong LuLu finally meets her match and I loved every minute of it.

This is the least favorite of the Lulu series for my first and second grade classes. The Brontosaurus

book is definitely what they adore. A suggestion: I censor a word or two here and there that a parent might find offensive for young children. Would like to see this author send Lulu to space since she proposed this possibility at the end of her second book. Could be very funny IMO.

We read this for book club and the kids enjoyed it. The plot twist was the best part. I would have preferred if the word stupid was not used.

You can't help but love LULU. I first got this book because my mother's nick-name from my dad was LULU. We always laughed about it and then i found this funny, yet very entertaining book about LULU> Great read aloud for any age.

Lulu is always a class favorite!

I had read the previous 2 books in the 'Lulu' series and thoroughly enjoyed them. However, I can't decide if this third story is less enjoyable or if the change in illustrator is the source of my disappointment. As a first grade teacher, I would recommend the first two books, but probably not this one.

Granddaughter loves the Lulu books----couldn't wait for the release of this newest. Hard to find books for a good reader; most are not challenging or too advanced in theme. Lulu books have the perfect mix of suspense and humor.

We love books and this is one of our favorites. Great fun to read aloud and a favorite of our second grader to read to herself.

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