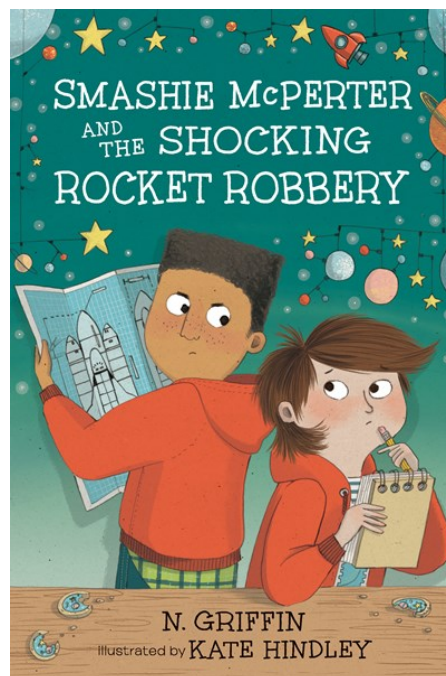


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Review of: *Smashie McPterter and the Shocking Rocket Robbery* Written by N. Griffin

Adult/Educator Reviewer: Shelby Gordon, Gifted Coordinator
Student Reviewers: Blakelee Evans, 4th Grade



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Adult Review:

Smashie and Dontel are the dream investigation team. With Smashie's wit and creativity and Dontel's determination and drive, they can solve any mystery that comes their way. In this edition, Smashie and Dontel work to solve the mystery of Dontel's missing rocket plans. Throughout the story, Smashie and Dontel travel to a planetarium on a class field trip and use clues along the way to determine the culprit... maybe.

I reviewed this book as an elementary gifted teacher. The book will greatly appeal to fourth grade students and teachers in Georgia. The book incorporates many story elements from ELA, as well as science concepts from Earth and space units. It will be a great cross-curricular read aloud for science teachers during their units to incorporate fiction with science vocabulary. The book is exciting, while educational, and leaves students wanting to read more.

As an educator, I have no concerns for implementing this book in the elementary classroom. Grab a copy of this book to bring your science and reading classroom to life.

Student Review:

This book interested me because it is about space. I usually don't read mystery books, however, this one entertained me. I would recommend this novel because it has elaborate details throughout it. Kids who like mysteries would enjoy Smashie McPerter and the Shocking Rocket Robbery because there were multiple mysteries about cookies, a hat, and a rocket blueprint that had to be solved by Smashie McPerter and Dontel Marquise. The best part of the Smashie McPerter and the Shocking Rocket Robbery is when Smashie and Dontel start telling the chaperones everything they know about the stolen cookies and Dontel's missing drawing. I did not like how the book ended because I do not know if Dontel built his rocket and ate lunch with his role model's best friend. In conclusion, I would enjoy reading the rest of this series.