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#### **Review, School Library Journal:**

"This hilariously dark story is illustrated with collage elements using Photoshop in a jazzy, jangly style that is part noir and part graphic novel. Big-eyed characters are stalked by a wonderfully sinister and pointy-toothed tome. Readers who love monsters and a good scare while still delighting in silly proceedings will definitely want to brave this tale."

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"Perfect for sharing with susceptible younger sibs or as a gift item for frenemies."

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