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# The Beginner's Guide To Running Away From Home



## Synopsis

What kid hasn't wanted to make their parents feel sorry for treating him badly? And how better to accomplish this than to run away? Here's a guide showing how, from what to pack (gum--then you won't have to brush your teeth) to how to survive (don't think about your cozy bed). Ultimately, though, readers will see that there really is no place like home. Like Judith Viorst's *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, here's a spot-on portrait of a kid who's had it. And like Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*, it's also a journey inside a creative kid's imagination: that special place where parents aren't allowed without permission.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

A rather cute moralistic tale that most kids will be able to relate to; which is thinking that running away from home will solve all their problems. The story is about why this isn't a good idea! Our young narrator, never given a name, states that before you decide to run away, you should have a reason and then gives several examples of ways that kids think they are being treated unjustly and would be a reason to run away. He then explains that tying your stuff in a bandana and attaching it to a stick is simply impossible in today's world, and you should at least consider a backpack or better still your wagon to carry all your stuff on the big adventure lying ahead. Also be sure to make a lot of noise as you leave so your family will know you are leaving and will beg you to stay. But as

the sun gets lower, the thought of being alone overnight in the park is losing all of its appeal. So our young hero/narrator thinks it over and decides there is no place like home, but if his family doesn't appreciate him coming back he MIGHT do it again. :-) A simple moralistic tale that 4-8yo for whom the book is written should well be able to understand. I don't know how to describe the drawings in the book but they are sort of like Pixar characters combined with regular drawings. Let me say they are adorable, however they may be described, and the humanoid figures should appeal to most children of of the aforementioned age group.

The story is told in a kid's very matter-of-fact way that will make parents and kids alike laugh together. Great lessons, relatable situations, and really focuses on what kids think is important. The artwork is spectacular. I am a fan of Red Nose Studio and the world that Chris Sickels creates. I am always amazed at the talent and imagination in his works. Overall, a great book for parents and teachers. What kid hasn't thought about running away? This is a look at that childhood rite of passage and will spark discussion on family life and a kid's changing role in a family.

The story is marginal at best, but if I were a small kid I'd be frightened to death of the pictures. Absolutely didn't make it to my recommended picture book list. Sorry. I see there are lots of 5 stars; I guess that's why they print a variety of books..

Here Comes the Garbage is one of my boys' favorite books, so we could not wait to get our copy The Beginner's Guide to Running Away from Home. They were thrilled and instantly started pouring over the illustrations, noticing the details and playing their own version of Eye Spy. Red Nose Studio's work is inventive and refreshing - a feast for the eyes! The story is wonderfully sweet and familiar. This will surely be an instant classic in our house and my new "go to" Birthday gift for other kids!

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