

## Paul Jennings Funniest Stories

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### Who Was Joan of Arc?

Another JUST outrageous title from the author of the NY Times bestseller THE DAY MY BUTT WENT PSYCHO! The series that made Andy Griffiths an Australian publishing phenomenon is sweeping America! Before introducing the world to butts gone bad, Andy Griffiths unleashed the bestselling JUST books. The series continues to amuse, annoy, and totally ick out readers with this latest collection of just stupid stories. GASP as Andy careens downhill in a runaway baby carriage wearing only a diaper. SQUIRM as he almost explodes searching for a bathroom in

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a shopping mall. GROAN as he stuffs twenty marshmallows in his mouth-and then has to kiss the cutest girl in class But most of all, LAUGH -- because Andy Griffiths is back with more JUST STUPID adventures!

### **Short!**

Authors Sally Rippin and Adrian Beck have gathered together an awesome line-up of writers and their funniest stories. Not only will the stories make you laugh out loud and feel good, royalties from sales of the book go to Dymocks Children's Charities - so you can feel extra good! Total Quack Up! features stories from Deborah Abela, Tristan Bancks, Adrian Beck, Jacqueline Harvey, Paul Jennings, Alex Miles, Oliver Phommavanh, Sally Rippin, R.A. Spratt and Matt Stanton, plus a prize-winning story from a child!

### **Uncanny!**

The forest is dense and dark. And the trail full of unexpected perils. The dog can't move. The boy can't talk. And you won't know why. Or where you are going. You will put this story down not wanting the journey to end. But it's from Paul Jennings so watch out for the ambush. One of the best. From one of the best.

## **Barrel Fever**

Danny Dragonbreath and his friends are cooler than ever in book 11 of the comic series perfect for Big Nate and Diary of a Wimpy Kid fans Danny Dragonbreath doesn't just have a cold. He is cold. His fire has gone out! And that's super-dangerous for a fire-breathing dragon like Danny. So, following a tip from his great-grandfather, Danny and his trusty friends Wendell and Christiana head to the farthest north to find the magical ingredient that will reignite his fire. On the way, the gang faces an extremely windy bridge, killer ice worms, and one very confused baby phoenix. A perfect blend of text and comic panels, this goofy eleventh installment in the Dragonbreath series is guaranteed to make you laugh until smoke comes out of your nose!

## **Unbearable!**

'Help,' shouted Chris. 'Please. Somebody help.' The silent green head had power over him. The cabbage patch curse was too strong. 'Zip.' Down came his fly. 'Don't look. Don't look,' shouted Chris. 'Don't look. Don't look,' shouted Ms Henderson. But it was too late. Chris let fly. Splash, splash, sploosh. It could only happen in a Paul Jennings story, and it does . . .

## **Unreal Collection**

Even before all this happened I had never been like the other kids. I tried not to be seen. If I climbed a tree or hid among the bins, no one could find me. 'Where's What's His Name?' they'd say. Then, one weekend, I got what I wanted. First, I blended in with things. But on the second day I changed. I mean, really changed. The hilarious story of a boy with an unusual problem, from children's book legend Paul Jennings. Includes fantastic look-and-find colour illustrations.

## **Tongue-Tied**

Hedley Hopkins has a few problems: he is the new kid at school, straight off the boat from England in the 1950s. The only friends he has made are the kids at the Loony Bin especially bald headed, long armed Victor. But if he could just fulfil a dare and dig out the hideous skull hidden in a grave in the sand dunes, he could impress the bullies at school and become their friend. But Hedley is not so sure. Weird things are happening to his body. Is he being punished for his terrible actions? And if his uptight parents ever found out what he was up to, they might blow up. Full-moon murderers, an open grave, religious conversions and sexual awakening meld sometimes poignantly, sometimes hilariously in this riveting, stunningly original account of growing up in 1950s Australia. This coming of age

tale is Paul Jennings at his very best!

### **Rascal in Trouble**

I hear a dragging sound followed by my father's limping appearance at the door. I look at him in horror. He's staring at me, glasses askew, waving the birds' nest. 'You imbecile. You left me hanging there. What were you trying to do? Kill me?' If only he knew. I'm not trying to kill him. I'm trying not to kill him! 'The tender yet unsparing depth of characterisation in the novel is matched by the limped beauty of the writing, the sensual evocation of the snowfields setting and the compelling nature of the story.' Weekend Australian 'A dark, gripping tale.' The Age 'The ending is as dramatic as they come.' Sydney Morning Herald

### **Rascal Takes Off**

Uncanny! I stared at Dad's eyes through the gas mask and remembered our handshake. A deal is a deal. With pounding heart, I walked into the soggy, wet mouth of the dead whale. It's uncanny . . . turning into a dung beetle, catching someone else's tattoos, being in bed with a ghost who tickles, seeing a flying dog.

### **Unmentionable**

Felix and Zelda have escaped the train to the death camp, but where do they go now? They're two runaway kids in Nazi-occupied Poland. Danger lies at every turn of the road. With the help of a woman named Genia and their active imaginations, Felix and Zelda find a new home and begin to heal, forming a new family together. But can it last? Morris Gleitzman's winning characters will tug at readers' hearts as they struggle to survive in the harsh political climate of Poland in 1942. Their lives are difficult, but they always remember what matters: family, love, and hope.

### **Superfudge**

In David Sedaris' world, no one is safe and no cow is sacred. A manic cross between Mark Leyner, Fran Lebowitz, and the National Enquirer, Sedaris' collection of essays is a rollicking tour through the national Zeitgeist: a do-it-yourself suburban dad saves money by performing home surgery; a man who is loved too much flees the heavyweight champion of the world; a teenage suicide tries to incite a lynch mob at her funeral; a bitter Santa abuses the elves. David Sedaris made his debut on NPR's Morning Edition with "SantaLand Diaries", recounting his strange-but-true experiences as an elf at Macy's, and soon became one of the show's most popular commentators. With a perfect eye and a voice infused with as much empathy as wit, Sedaris writes stories and essays that target the soulful ridiculousness of our behavior. Barrel Fever is like a blind date with modern life, and anything can happen.

## **A Different Land**

It's unbearable . . . The bird's perch is swinging to and fro and hitting me on the nose. I can see my eye in its little mirror. Unbearably weird . . . You have the foulest feet ever. There are flies for lunch. A goat swallows your opal. And you have lived before.

## **Paul Jenning's Weirdest Stories**

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## **Dangerously Placed**

Abel Jackson has lived by the sea at Longboat Bay ever since he could remember. He helps his mother each day and loves to dive. One day he meets Blueback, the biggest and most beautiful fish he's ever seen. When Abel's mother is approached by developers she decides she must do something to protect their fragile piece of coastline, But can Abel and his mother save Blueback and Longboat Bay in time? An achingly beautiful story about family, belonging and living a life in tune with the environment, from one of Australia's best-loved authors.

## **Uncovered!**

Stephen's bra is starting to slip. His pantyhose are sagging. His knickers keep falling down. Oh, the shame of it. (From the back cover).

## **Unbelievable!**

Features eight weird stories that also let the readers try to predict the endings.

## **How Hedley Hopkins Did a Dare**

Unmentionable? Sure. But I'll try to tell you anyway. The mouth organ is inside my mouth. It is stuck in sideways. The pain is terrible. My eyes water. Some things you just can't talk about. Locked in the loo. Kissing a cold, cold kid. Being a little squirt. Burning your behind. Unmentionable short stories from the brilliant Paul Jennings.

## **Paul Jennings's Spookiest Stories**

Can serious poetry be funny? Chaucer and Shakespeare would say yes, and so do the authors of these 187 poems that address timeless concerns but that also include comic elements. Beginning with the Beats and the New York School and

continuing with both marquee-name poets and newcomers, Seriously Funny ranges from poems that are capsized by their own tomfoolery to those that glow with quiet wit to ones in which a laugh erupts in the midst of terrible darkness. Most of the selections were made in the editors' battered compact car, otherwise known as the Seriously Funny Mobile Unit. During the two years in which Barbara Hamby and David Kirby made their choices, they'd set out with a couple of boxes of books in the back seat, and whoever wasn't driving read to the other. When they found that a poem made both of them think but laugh as well, they earmarked it. Readers will find a true generosity in these poems, an eagerness to share ideas and emotions and also to entertain. The singer Ali Farka Tour said that honey is never good when it's only in one mouth, and the editors of Seriously Funny hope its readers find much to share with others.

### **Trickiest Stories**

With her characteristic wit and dazzling drawings, celebrated graphic novelist Penelope Bagieu profiles the lives of these feisty female role models, some world famous, some little known. From Nellie Bly to Mae Jemison or Josephine Baker to Naziq al-Abid, the stories in this comic biography are sure to inspire the next generation of rebel ladies.

## **Blueback**

Presents a collection of twenty-five humorous stories about children with unfortunate nicknames, killer foot-odor problems, and plagues of rabbits.

## **Undone!**

Christopher is twelve thousand miles from home. The pub has a dirt floor and the owner is as rough as guts. The forest hides snakes, feral pigs and a dark secret. Mysterious, bold and strange. Expect the unexpected. And watch your step. Enter this place and you will be different for ever. A twisting tale from Australia's master storyteller.

## **The Gizmo**

I'm Uncovered . . . I try to hide my nakedness with my hand. But it doesn't work. Everyone can see. Also on show . . . Bad rabbit habits. Rapt – in toilet paper. Birds with teeth. A live face on the wall.

## **Total Quack Up!**

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A collection of strange and unusual stories by Australian author Paul Jennings, primarily involving schoolchildren, and with an emphasis on the supernatural.

### **Rascal the Dragon**

Fifth-grader Peter Hatcher's mother is pregnant, his four-year-old brother, Fudge, is a constant embarrassment to his family, and his parents want to move to New Jersey for a year, could life get any worse?

### **The Nest**

A beautifully illustrated collection of Oscar Wilde's favourite children's tales known and loved throughout the world. It includes: The Happy Prince The Selfish Giant The Nightingale and the Rose This gorgeous production brings Wilde's magical stories to a whole new generation.

### **Dragonbreath #11**

Longlisted for the 2019 Carnegie Medal 'If you've got a bad deal,' his father used to say, 'get out of it and move on.' When he finds himself in a cruel orphanage Anton does just that, and hides on an ocean liner. Fear and desperation are his only

companions. And this time there is no escape. Or is there? Two other passengers have secrets of their own. When nothing is what it seems, can they help each other? Or will they sink into a sea of troubles? You'll never know. Until the last page. Another top story from Australia's master of the trick ending.

### **Paul Jennings' Funniest Stories**

The Paul Jennings phenomenon began with the publication of *Unreal!* in 1985. Thirty years and eight million books later, children all around the world continue to devour his stories. This special anniversary edition contains thirty stories, hand picked by the author from across his funny, spooky, weird and wonderful *Un-*books, and others. This book is sure to have readers laughing out loud.

### **Uncollected**

This work experience is going to be killer Alex Thaler can't wait to start her dream work experience placement at Virk, where staff from all over the world mingle in an astonishing virtual office. But when an employee is found murdered, the dream becomes a nightmare - because Alex is the prime suspect. Fortunately, Alex's friends are willing to brave shark tanks, disgusting pathology specimens and even a nude beach in order to clear her name . . . Can a hippy chick, a goth girl in a lab

coat and two guys with a taste for blowing things up really help solve the mystery - before Alex becomes the next victim?

### **The Cabbage Patch Curse**

Here is a collection of twenty-six unreal, unbelievable and quirky tales that are wildly funny, outrageously strange, and shockingly scary by Australia's most popular author for children.

### **Brazen**

The Paul Jennings phenomenon began with the publication of Unreal! in 1985 and, eight million books later, readers all around the world continue to devour his stories. This special edition anthology boasts twenty of Paul's spookiest, fun-filled yarns, hand picked by the author for a spine-tingling reading experience.

### **Then**

A reunion of bones. An irresistible kisser. Wonder underpants. Cow-dung custard. It's all a bit much really! A brilliant collection of funny, weird and whacky short stories with strange endings from the award-winning Paul Jennings.

## **Unreal!**

### **Middle School: Master of Disaster**

The longest of the stories in this book is short, and the shortest is just one sentence long. Which means there are lots of stories : a whole bookful to make you think, laugh, Shiver, and think again.

### **Seriously Funny**

WHEN IT'S THIS HOT... Robin Lee is a woman of few words so she lets her actions stand for themselves. And when Johnny Dayton—her bad-boy crush from childhood—appears in her life, she shows him how happy she is to see him. But Johnny's hiding something from her. Suddenly she wishes she knew how to ask him what that is before this steamy encounter involves her heart. NO WORDS ARE NEEDED! The last thing Johnny was looking for when he i walked into the diner was the hottest kiss he's ever had. And after those earth-shattering moments, he's not letting Robin out of his life again. Problem is, Johnny's no longer the man Robin thinks he is. So he has to do some fast talking to convince her he's worthy of more of her sexy embraces.

## **A Different Dog**

Children all over the world can't resist the special magic of a Paul Jennings story - for over twenty years he has entertained and enthralled young readers. This special collection of Paul's trickiest stories proves yet again that he is the master of unexpected twists and turns!

## **A Different Boy**

## **The Unforgettable What's His Name**

Unbelievable? Maybe. But I'm telling you it's true. The crusher had pushed all the air out of my lungs. It was squeezing me tighter and tighter. I knew I had only seconds to live. Believe it or not . . . A kid can grow younger. Birds can bury you. Ghosts have exams. There are eyes in the milk. From the one and only Paul Jennings

## **Stories for Children**

Joan of Arc was born in a small French village during the worst period of the

Hundred Years' War. For generations, France had been besieged by the British. At age 11, Joan began to see religious visions telling her to join forces with the King of France. By the time she was a teenager, she was leading troops into battle in the name of her country. Though she was captured and executed for her beliefs, Joan of Arc became a Catholic saint and has since captured the world's imagination.

### **Just Stupid!**

In this blockbuster installment of the bestselling Middle School series, Rafe and the other favorite characters from James Patterson's books for kids join forces for the first time in a hilarious adventure! Rafe and Jimmy, two misunderstood "troublemakers", are finally up to something good. They're in charge of a huge celebration of books and reading -- but when a small issue snowballs into a big problem that threatens to derail the whole event, they need to work fast to keep things on track! And the best part? Rafe and Jimmy are joined by the funniest storytellers they know, including Jamie Grimm from I Funny, Jacky Ha-Ha, the Kidd family of Treasure Hunters, and super-genius Max Einstein -- everyone's favorite characters from James Patterson's bestselling series for kids!

### **The Paw Thing**

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