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# Bash And The Pirate Pig



## **Synopsis**

Written for boys 8 to 14, Bash and the Pirate Pig is the story of a cranky city kid named Raymond "Beamer" Boxby who must spend summer vacation at his younger cousin Bash Hinglehobb's farm. Beamer prefers air conditioning and video games. He can't see what good can come of this so-called country fun that includes riding cows, river rafting with a pig, or playing with skunks. But hang tight, Beamer, because Bash's zany adventures with his "Fishin' and Farmin' book" (The Bible) just might lead to the coolest Discovery of all.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 9

## **Customer Reviews**

Burton W. Cole is a Pulitzer Prize nominated journalist with thirty years of experience and more than fifty humor writing awards to his credit. He grew up on a farm in northeast Ohio and attended a smalltown church with a slew of cousins and buddies. That same boyhood inspires his colorful stories today. Tom Bancroft has more than twenty years of experience in the animation and illustration industry and worked with Disney on films including Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King, and Aladdin. Other clients have included DC Comics and Big Idea Productions. He lives with his family in Nashville, Tennessee.

Described as being suitable for boys our 10 year old daughter absolutely LOVED this book along with our 13 and 6 year old boys. There were a lot of laughs around the table as I read this aloud for the whole family. Meet Raymond, 11, whom some would call lazy. Although he lives by the ocean he would rather spend his days lying on the couch reading comic books and eating chips. He also thinks the Bible is boring! Sentenced? Well, not exactly but his parents have decided that Raymond is going to spend the summer on the farm in Ohio "babysitting" his cousin Bash! Is he happy about this? Nope! However as the adventures begin the rest of us have some great laughs at his expense. Ray-Ray Sunbeam Beamer (Bash's nickname for him) thinks he knows all about farm life. Beamer has heard all about cow tipping and how easy it is so off the boys go in the dark in their pajamas to tip a cow. Of course Bash is fully aware of the impossibility of this mission. How many times can he trick Beamer into trying? Hilarious! What are the boys and their friends going to do with 13 packs (4 per pack) of flypaper? Will a cow really stick its head through the drive-thru window? How? A pirate pig sailing on the pond?! Beamer is very skeptical about the Bible and Christianity and not afraid to make his opinions known. Bash, on the other hand, might be always getting into mischief but he loves the Lord and is not ashamed to tell others, including Beamer. He talks to God as if He is right there. Enjoy the Sunday school lesson on David and Goliath from Preacher Bash. Find him at the County Fair sitting in a sheep pen sharing the Roman Road to Christianity. How will Beamer, who has been feeling like he has pond scum on the inside, react? What's not to like about this book? There is a LOT of name calling so this may be a concern to some. We don't like our children calling each other names but I am hoping, due to the sheer comedy involved in this book, that they will forget the names and just remember the antics. Let's hope they don't decide to do some of those though! Eeek! I purchased this book for my Kindle. I was not required to write a review but chose to do so. Thanks, Liz

My 9 year old son says: "It's the best and funniest book ever! It's also the longest book I have ever read. Bash named the animals funny names like Gulliver J. McFrederick III and Henrietta Herbie!! There is a secret agent skunk and they think a secret agent turkey! Bash pretends to be David, but his friend who pretends to be Goliath knows he is safe because Bash has HORRIBLE aim! **BEST.BOOK.EVER."**

This is an absolutely excellent book for the 9-13 year-old boy range! There just plain don't seem to be all that many Christian books for boys in this age range - let alone good ones that are modern in style, but this is a great one. I could see some girls enjoying it too. It is a very fun and imaginative

book and the Christianity is pretty low-key but does ultimately get its point across at the end (the Gospel is explained in kid-friendly language). Even as an adult, I found this book entertaining and interesting! This is just plain a good book that is both fun and funny, while also being meaningful. The only possible concern I could see anybody having with this book is that the character telling the story constantly refers to others and situations as "stupid", "wacko", etc, throughout most of the book (until we get to a heart-change on the character's part at the end). It didn't really bother me and most kids talk like that (though it did seem a bit overdone). I think it actually serves to help make the book relatable and also more effective given the change that comes with the character at the end, but I could potentially see some parents having an issue with it depending on their kids, etc. But that is literally the only even possible negative I could think of for this book. Well that, and maybe having to warn your kids not to dare try some of the crazy stunts. :) I also have to note the wonderful artwork and just the great "feel" of this book - this book looks and feels great (doesn't have a cheap feel)....This is one book where you do lose something if you choose to go digital (ebook) over physical copy. This is an excellent book that really does fill a void. Burton, God bless you sir. I hope this series continues! Chris LongLaugh & Lift ministrieslaughandlift dot com

My twelve year old did her own bookclub with this author's books this summer at our church. The kids had so much fun! The stories were just hilarious, even for this momma to read. I grew up on a farm and why I didn't think of riding the cow all the way to Dairy Queen I don't know!! The message of faith and salvation was well told and hysterically funny. Loved it! Since there are three in the series it would be a perfect summer reading program idea!

My kids and I loved this book! It's packed with lots of humor and a fun story line. We kept turning the pages, laughing much of the way. We want to buy the next few books in the series. Who doesn't want more joy and laughter in life? In addition to the humor, we appreciate how Beamer, Bash's cousin, grows from his cousin's influence; albeit he does protest the stretching like most of us do. One can't help feel sorry for the aunt's nervous tick developed I'm sure from this zany bunch. We highly recommend Bash and the Pirate Pig! Posted by Michelle and Patrick Welsh family

My first-grade son loved reading this book. He enjoyed the adventures and the funny one-liners. He also really enjoyed having positive values reinforced in his reading that he learns every day in school, at home, and at church. As a parent I am grateful for wholesome fun reading that reinforces

valuable principles of character: writing I can trust for my kids. We will soon purchase book two and will look forward to book three! :-)

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