

# Fortunately, The Milk

## Gaiman, Neil

This imaginative, hilarious novel is the latest from award winning author Neil Gaiman. The rich language, pen and ink drawings, easy to follow plot and fantastical cast including aliens, dancing dwarves, Galactic Police, and a stegosaurus will engage young readers.

**Subjects:** English Language Arts  
Grades 3-6

**Evaluation Date:** Sep 2014

# Resource Evaluation

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## CURRICULUM FIT

### Does the resource support BC curriculum?



Extensively

This amusing novel will engage readers who are transitioning to longer chapter books. The plot is easy to follow, and the language, while sophisticated, is not overly difficult for young readers. This novel introduces students to the time-travel genre.

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## SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE

This novel could be used as a read aloud, for literature circles, or for independent reading. It may be particularly appealing to reluctant readers.

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## SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The mother assumes the traditional care-giver role by ensuring meals are left and giving the family the agenda of the upcoming week for when she is away. However, she also has an important career role, as she leaves for several days to present a paper on lizards at a conference. These dual roles could lead to a rich discussion of how each family handles domestic duties, and the shift in gender roles over the last few generations.

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## GENERAL CONTENT

### Content

**Is the resource engaging?**



Extensively

**Is the content current for the intended curriculum and grade?**



Extensively

**Is the content accurate for the intended curriculum and grade?**



Extensively

**Is the content relevant and important for student broad understandings?**



Extensively

### Audience

**Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**



Extensively

**Does the resource provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?**



Extensively

**Is the level of detail appropriate?**



Extensively

**Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**



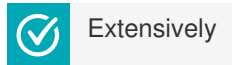
Extensively

This delightful story by Neil Gaiman introduces the concept of time travel to a young audience. Young readers will find the the humourous story line easy to read, as well as engaging.

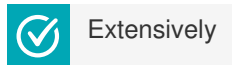
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## TECHNICAL DESIGN

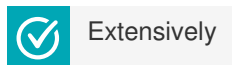
**Does the resource make effective use of the medium?**



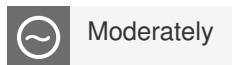
**Is the resource easy to use?**



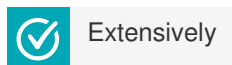
**Is the location of illustrations appropriate?**



**Is the use of font, text size and presentation suitable?**



**Are extraneous elements/illustrations kept to a minimum?**



The pen and ink drawings add humour and detail to the text enhancing the reading experience. The author uses different font sizes and types for emphasis.

**Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?**



Extensively

**Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?**



Extensively

**To what degree is this text stylistically rich?**



Extensively

### Plot description

When mother leaves to present a paper at a conference, she leaves father well prepared, except for needing milk. When father goes to purchase milk from the corner store in the morning, he takes an exceedingly long time to return. His explanation involves time travel and a fantastical cast including aliens, dancing dwarves, Galactic Police, and a stegosaurus.

### Genre

- Illustrated novel

### Literary Highlights

- Effective figurative language

### Type

- Novel

### Visual Highlights

- Other (specify)
- Novel

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

### Reading Level

- At intended grade level(s)

<http://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/fortunately-the-milk-activity-pack-web.pdf>  
<http://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/fortunately-the-milk-teacher-notes.pdf>

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GRADES AND SUBJECTS

Subjects

- English Language Arts: 3-6

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ADDITIONAL INFO

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