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Do Not Pass Go



Synopsis

When Deet's father is arrested for drug use, Deet cannot believe it. His easygoing, loving father isn't an addict! But Dad was working two jobs to make more money and taking pills to stay awake during the night shift. And now he's in jail. Hurt, scared, and angry, Deet doesn't want to see his father in prison. But when Mom goes back to work and no longer has the time, Deet decides to start visiting his dad after school. It's scary at first, but as he adjusts to the routine and learns more about the prisoners and their lives, Deet begins to realize that prison isn't necessarily the horrible, violent place of movies and nightmares. Told from Deet's perspective, *Do Not Pass Go* sheds light on the tumultuous experience of having a parent in jail and gives insight into the everyday lives of prison inmates and the stories behind what brought them there.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 6 • High-schooler Deet is a good kid but feels alienated at his school in Fairbanks, AK, because his family has less money than his classmates. When his father is arrested for drug possession and sent to prison, his first thought is about what the kids at school will think of him. Reality sets in as life in Deet's family changes dramatically. His mother goes back to work and Deet spends every day after school with his dad. His view of prisons and prisoners begins to change when he learns people's stories. Deet's notebook entries for his English class give readers insight into the internal changes he is experiencing. The teen sees the bleakness of prison life but

learns to see the positive effects of his father's incarceration. While the message that prisons aren't necessarily set up to rehabilitate criminals is not subtle, this a good story with a believable main character. The book wraps up a bit quickly with Deet's father's release to a halfway house, but is still satisfying as it doesn't tie things up too neatly. --Kristin Anderson, Columbus Metropolitan Library System, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

In his small Alaskan town, Deet is certain that everyone in his school will learn that his stepfather has been jailed for drug possession. He faces his classmates with trepidation, but even more intimidating is the prison, where Deet goes to visit his stepdad. Through these visits, Deet comes to know some of the prisoners and gains insight into their stories. Most of these insights are explained in Deet's homework assignment for English class, and he forms a friendship with a fellow student whose brother is also in jail. Hill is a master of the telling detail; she conveys the atmosphere of the visitor's center of the jail, for example, in a few vivid sentences. Best is her portrait of Deet, a strong, thoughtful teenager, forced through circumstances to hold things together for his family. There's not a great deal of action here, but the story is compelling nonetheless. Todd Morning Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I may be slightly biased as it was my auntie who wrote the book and it was based on my cousin and stories from my cousin. But it is so good, I also purchased it for Kindle to read on my cell... I haven't read too many books as I do not like to read, however this is an exception to my "wait for movie" rule.

This book was really amazing! It was an awesome read and I could read it a million times! I love how the author shows how Deet got through his father's imprisonment and all the responsibilities he had to take on his own.

"Deet didn't believe in god at all, because everything about god was so silly. Illogical." Such a flippant attitude in this day in age and at such an impressionable age is beyond disappointing. I'm proud of my son for finding it offensive and not wanting to continue reading and investing time with the main character/book. Does Deet "see the light" or change his attitude about God, who knows, but it's certainly not something I want presented to my child. While this may not be a popular viewpoint, I felt the need to point it out.

Do Not Pass Go is another excellent education book by Kirkpatrick Hill. It teaches a young man what difficulties a father has to meet when his father goes to jail. he also learns that not everyone who goes to jail is all bad. Kirkpatrick Hill is a great writer. She graduated from Syracuse University and I suspect that I was there studying Russian for the Air Force about the time she was (1954-55). I would love to communicate with her. Sam Conner

This book touched my heart. It was written with such clarity and warmth. I have recommended it to all my family and the different age groups have all loved it. It has become clearly my favorite book of the year. It surpasses the subject matter (of a relative going to jail) to talk about human connections in a way that will speak to everyone. I highly recommend it

"He used to say jail, like everybody else. A joke, a casual word. Nothing to do with Him. Now that word seemed sharp and hard and full of pain." This book is called Do Not Pass Go by Kirkpatrick Hill. Deet is a 13-year-old boy whose father is arrested for drugs that he used to stay awake for his two jobs. Deet is very shocked to hear this news. Now mom is forced to work her old job at the diner. Her and Deet sets up a monthly budget to live by. Deet now has to take care of his two younger siblings and also cook dinner. Now Deet has to grow up quickly if their plan is going to work. Deet also has to juggle his schoolwork with this new plan. Deet has been regularly going to the jail to visit his father, after school is finished. He has learned that jail is not such a horrible place as they show it in the movies. This is a fictional novel. I would recommend this book for any middle school student. Want to know how Deet juggles everything. You're just going to have to read the book and find out.

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