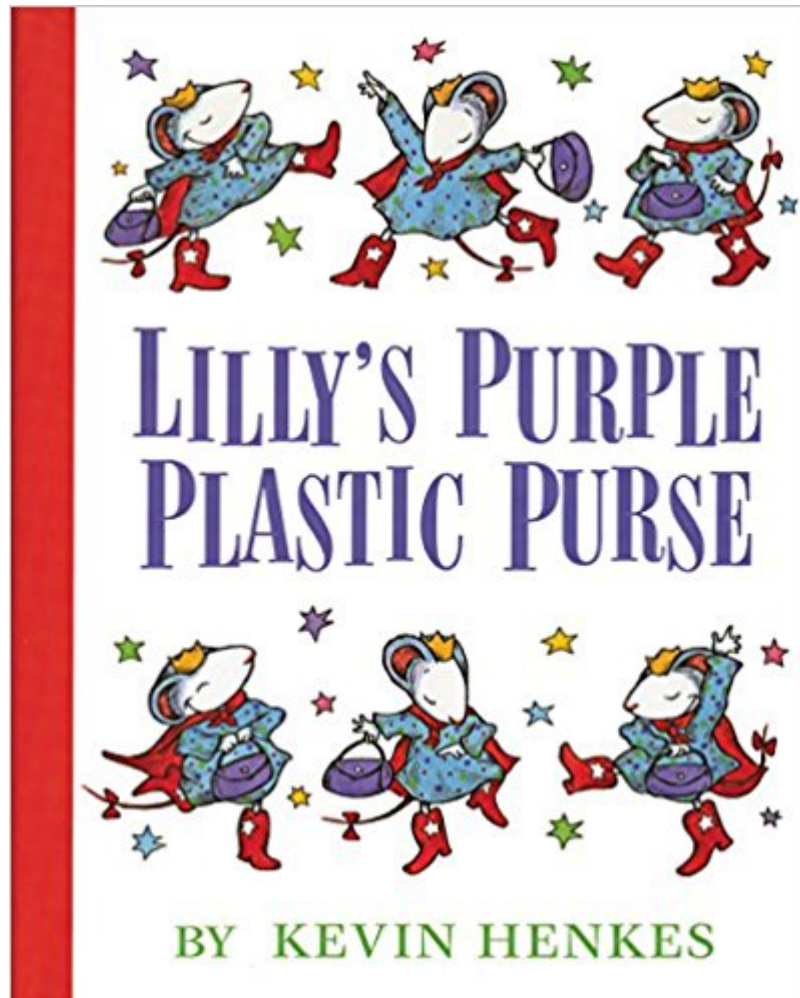




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Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse



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Synopsis

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her cool teacher, Mr. Slinger. But when Lilly brings her purple plastic purse and its treasures to school and can't wait until sharing time, Mr. Slinger confiscates her prized possessions. Lilly's fury leads to revenge and then to remorse and she sets out to make amends. Lilly, the star of *Chester's Way* and *Julius, the Baby of the World*, is back. And this time she has her name in the title - something she's wanted all along. If you thought Lilly was funny before, you are in for a treat. So hurry up and start reading. Lilly can't wait for you to find out more about her.

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Customer Reviews

The irrepressible mouse heroine of *Chester's Way* and *Julius, the Baby of the World* returns for another true-to-life and very funny episode. Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, Mr. Slinger--until he takes away her musical purse because she can't stop playing with it in class. Lilly decides to get revenge with a nasty drawing of "Big Fat Mean Mr. Stealing Teacher!" but when she finds the kind note he put in her purse, she's filled with remorse and has to find a way to make things right again. Children will sympathize with Lilly's impulsive mistake and laugh uproariously at the witty and expressive pictures of the very human mice. In a starred review,

Publisher's Weekly called this book "sympathetic and wise." (Ages 4 to 8)

Lilly the mouse idolizes her teacher Mr. Slinger, but when she comes to school flaunting three jingly quarters, movie-star glasses and a purple plastic purse "that played a jaunty tune when it was opened," she interrupts Mr. Slinger's lessons on "Types of Cheese" and words that rhyme with "mice." After one too many disruptions, he confiscates the purse until the day's end. Lilly, humiliated, takes revenge by slipping a mean drawing into Mr. Slinger's book bag?only to open her purse and find a conciliatory note from her hero. Caldecott honoree Henkes (Owen) understands Lilly's enthusiasm for her prize possessions, but astutely shows that Lilly goes too far when she acts up in class ("She's in trouble," whispers a classmate in a voice-bubble aside). The perfectionistic watercolor-and-ink illustrations, in vignettes and panels, are as sharp as the narration. Henkes communicates Lilly's emotions through her eyes, so that when she goes from "sad" to "furious," her eyebrows shift from U-shaped dips to hard slants; he also enlivens his scenes with tiny details, like Mr. Slinger's copy of *Stuart Little*. The author/artist offers useful, timeless advice for apologizing to a friend and resolving a conflict. A sympathetic and wise treatment. Ages 4-up. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

A great story where Lilly is in her true form. She adores her teacher until he makes her follow the rules, and then she lashes out in anger, as kids tend to do. Lilly is quickly remorseful (as kids usually are!) and seeks help from her parents to make the situation with her teacher right. Lilly goes above and beyond by putting herself in the Uncooperative Chair, but to be fair, she deserves a turn there! Mr. Slinger is, of course, wonderfully forgiving, as all good teachers are. A great "how-to" lesson for kids on righting wrongs!

This is my 6 year old Kindergartner's favorite book (note: she is an advanced reader not all kinders will be able to read it themselves). Once she came home from school a bit upset and told me that she was reading a book at the library and ran out of time to finish when it was time to go to lunch. She already checked out another book and couldn't take this one. But she said it was very interesting book for her. So I immediately looked it up on and got a used one but in great condition for a very little amount of money. She was so happy when it arrived earlier today. We were about to go out to dinner so she brought it with her and read it a few times while at the restaurant. Her 9 year old sister read it with a great interest too.

I often give this book as a present to little girls because I think it is such a cute story that most little girls can relate too. I just bought it again for my granddaughter who is 3. She is a little too young to appreciate it now. I think it is probably best for girls 5 and up. I know the kids in the primary grades in the school where I was principal, loved the book which I ordered for most of the classes.

A great book with amazing pictures. This was one of my favorites growing up and now my kids love it too. It also provides a good opportunity for talking with your kids about self-control, the responsibility attached to expressing anger, and dealing with disappointment.

I love Mr. Henkes Lilly. She reminds me of my daughter. Perhaps that's why I love this story so much! His stories are always so reminiscent of my being a young girl. I love these little walks down memory lane.

Fun book. I love books by Kevin Henkes. They all make you smile. Lilly is a treasure. Makes me think of my first purse and how I couldn't be apart from it.

This is one of the two or three books that I buy for all of my friends who are having babies-- a classic deserving of shelf space right along with "Where the Wild Things Are," "Amos and Boris," "George and Martha," "Ferdinand," "The Cat in the Hat," and (new favorite) "Food Hates You Too." In particular, "Lilly" is a must for children starting school. It tracks the complexity of the kindergartner/teacher relationship-- the student's infatuation with the teacher, her disillusionment, her betrayal, her remorse, her amends. The child-mouse Lilly (familiar from other Henkes books, like "Chester's Way") is irrepressible, well-meaning, and spiteful-- a real kid. Angry at her beloved teacher, Mr. Slinger, after he confiscates for the day her purple purse because she keeps interrupting class to show it off, Lilly retaliates by producing a nasty drawing of "big fat mean Mr. stealing teacher" and slipping it into Mr. Slinger's book bag. After he returns the purse and she finds snacks in it accompanied with a note ("today was a difficult day. Tomorrow will be better"), Lilly is horrified, stricken with remorse. How she makes amends to the perfectly understanding Mr. Slinger (all teachers should be Mr. Slinger!) is a good lesson for children on the importance of saying I'm sorry, without ever being preachy or saccharine. Henkes is terrific because he doesn't sugar-coat his characters; part of what makes Lilly special is that she has her flaws. This book is a true classic.

My 7yr old Granddaughter said it was a good book - said with enthusiasm

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