Bobby Bramble Loses His Brain by Dave Keane

A Zany Tale For Adventurous Little Kids (Ages 4 - 8)

A hilarious cautionary tale full of mayhem—and wordplay.

Bobby Bramble has a thirst for adventure, a taste for danger, and energy to spare. But no one in his family seems to appreciate these traits. Instead, they worry that he'll fall and crack his skull open—and one day that's exactly what happens. To make matters worse, Bobby's brain decides to take off, as if it had a mind of its own. What follows is the madcap pursuit—and recapture—of the elusive gray matter and the successful reunion of brain and brawn. A hilarious cautionary tale full of mayhem—and wordplay.

My Personal Review:
Bobby Bramble is a little boy who can't sit still - he has "ants in his pants, a thirst for adventure, and energy to spare." Do you know any kids like that? I certainly do. This is a silly, zany romp that will make you and your favorite wiggle-worm giggle together.

"Bobby Bramble liked to climb, somersault, jump, bounce, slide, swing, sprint, flip, hang upside down, and generally give gravity a run for its money." Bobby's parents worry that he will crack his head open and, of course, one day he does just that. Much to everyone's surprise, Bobby's brain makes a bid for freedom and runs off like it has "a mind of its own." What follows is the madcap pursuit and recapture of Bobby's brain.

David Clark's cartoon illustrations take the zany wordplay up and over the top, producing giggles in little kids as they spy Bobby's brain peaking out from under the manhole cover or zooming in front of the fire truck. Adults and older children will enjoy Dave Keane's clever word play: Bobby's family was worried that Bobby "would spend the rest of his days doing handstands and back flips without a thought in his head." The climax is a "classic battle of brain versus brawn" as Bobby rides his brain "like a seasoned rodeo cowboy."
Share this with your favorite kid who likes to climb the highest fence or tree around. It will make you both laugh and remind you how important it is to take care of your noggin! Even kids who have trouble sitting still for story time will enjoy the fast pace and comic illustrations in this picture book.

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