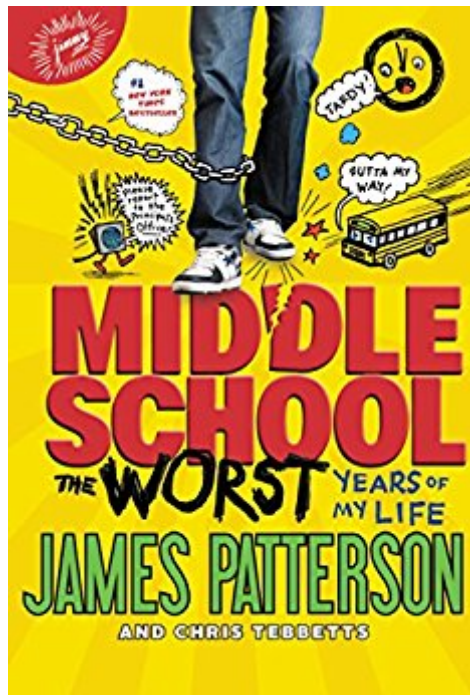




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# Middle School, The Worst Years Of My Life (Middle School Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever, if only he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. Chewing gum in class-5,000 points! Running in the hallway-10,000 points! Pulling the fire alarm-50,000 points! But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding. Blockbuster author James Patterson delivers a genuinely hilarious-and surprisingly poignant-story of a wildly imaginative, one-of-kind kid that you won't soon forget.

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## Customer Reviews

My granddaughter loved this book and could not put it down.

I'm reading this to my seventh grade language arts class. It's hilarious and thought provoking and they love it! Can't wait for the movie in November.

My son isn't an avid reader and it's been difficult to find books that he enjoys reading. This one was spot on! He LOVED it and can't wait to see the movie. Very easy read, took him a little more than a week to finish it. We're on to the House of Robots...I expect it to be as entertaining for him as this book was.

I can understand why people who don't read much early and middle grade fiction might think that this is a good choice for their reader. The confessional narration, the reference to current issues, the type of humor, all suggest that this would be a good choice for a middle grader. And it's not a bad choice, in the sense that it is not in any way affirmatively harmful. And Patterson is a recognized brand name. It's just that this book is among the weakest choices compared to the literally dozens of works out there that are more authentic, better written, more genuine and more honest, and more appealing than this book. These other choices have been written by authors who seem to actually value what they're doing, and try to do something beyond just paint-by-the-numbers books. I'd suggest trying some Tom Angleberger, Michael Buckley, Andrew Clements, Eoin Colfer, Bruce Coville, Ron Koertge, Gary Paulsen or Richard Peck. Each of these established authors has written very satisfying, and funny and thoughtful, middle grade fiction. And if you want a book exactly like this one, but funnier, more engaging, and more authentic and better written, try any of Greg Heffley's volumes in the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series from Jeff Kinney.

Middle school kids seem to really enjoy reading these books. In the first of the series, (this one) the main character gets into a lot of trouble all the time. Perhaps that is why it appeals to my 12-year-old son, even though my son isn't a trouble-maker. My son has never really been a fast reader, but he goes through these books like a hot knife through butter! The chapters are often only a few pages long, so readers feel like they have made significant progress even after reading for just 20 minutes. The reading is fairly easy.

I may just be a kid doing a review but I really liked this book I think everyone should read this I recommend NOT to go out of order My favorite part was when he ran down the hall as a ninja I am going to be in middle school next year so I will use it for sure and I can't wait to read book two James Patterson is awesome I like you Daniel x books and i funny books my friends read Jacky ha ha but I haven't I will soon but I have a lot to read right now (mostly your books) when I read out of order I accidentally started on middle school broccoli bullies and snake hill for sure that was my favorite

book of the series but the rest are still amazing please keep going and lots more books I hope to come, -A 5th grade James Patterson fan

An okay book, not Patterson's best children book. The characters are predictable, and the book contains only one or two twists. This book could have been wonderful, if not for the quizzical rule breaking scheme. The book is not a novel that makes you think twice about the plot. Read this book, but be wary, it's not a great book.

My son loves James Patterson's books and this was a great way to get started with another. I bought this Kindle edition which was a "FREE PREVIEW: The First 20 Chapters". It is NOT the entire book, but enough to know whether your child is interested in the series or not. We currently have the entire paperback on order; he got through this preview in just a few hours! I think this will be another great series from Patterson that gets my 11-year-old to actually read a book without us having to ask. I love books and finding a series for pre-teen boys isn't always easy. I received this FREE, but not for my review, it was a Kindle Promotion.

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