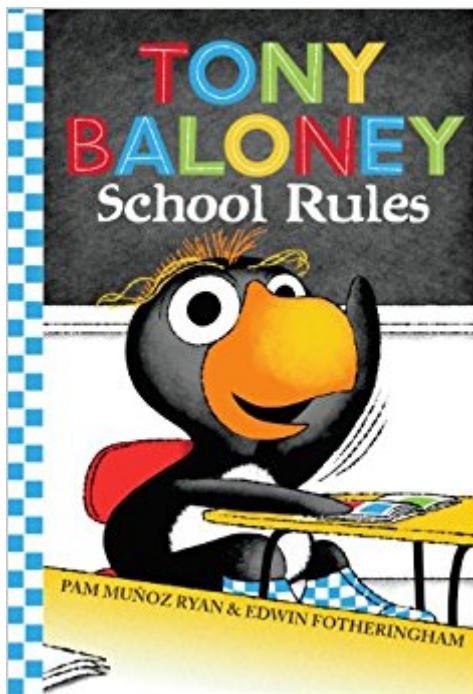


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# Tony Baloney School Rules



## **Synopsis**

Readers everywhere will adore Tony Baloney--the loveable, highly relatable hero of this bravura new Beginning Reader series! Tony Baloney is excited! Today he won't have to obey Bossy Big Sister Baloney. He won't have to play with the Bothersome Babies Baloney. Today he is going to school! Tony Baloney is finally free from the tyranny of his many sisters only to face a new challenge--SCHOOL RULES! How will Tony ever follow them all? True to his resilient spirit, he discovers a first day of school filled with new friends, good fun, a few foibles, and some fantastic surprises! Award-winners Pam Munoz Ryan and Edwin Fotheringham reinvigorate the reader format with their fresh approach to the form. Crafted with all the care and detail of a picture book, and bursting with lyrical, laugh-out-loud text and clever, eye-popping artwork, **TONY BALONEY SCHOOL RULES** is a fun read aloud and the perfect book to ignite budding readers. The irresistible characters spring off the page and will leap into your heart--especially Tony, who children are sure to embrace like a new best friend.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

Tony Baloney, a little penguin, hopes for the best as he starts school, but it's hard to follow all the new rules, and besides, accidents happen. Still, at the end of the day, he is proud to be crowned his classroom's Friendship Ambassador. • Fine-tuned, realistic dialogue and lively, digital illustrations make this an amusing take on the first day of school. Though the original Tony Baloney (2011) was a picture book, this sequel features a smaller format and four short chapters, making it accessible to advanced beginning readers as well as Tony Baloney fans still in the read-to-me stage. Preschool-Grade 2. --Carolyn Phelan

Praise for TONY BALONEY\* "Ryan's exuberant story takes a fresh look at sibling dynamics . . . . Fotheringham's hyperbolic digital illustrations counterbalance the slyly understated narrative, portraying Tony's (and Dandelion's) antics with humor." -PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review "Memorable characters and vivid scenes. Tony will definitely be a favorite with readers. He is bound to become an enduring character poised to experience many more adventures." -LIBRARY MEDIA CONNECTION "The trials and tribulations of middle children get zesty, energetic treatment in this story." -THE HORN BOOK "Totally goofy, but totally fun." -BOOKLIST

This would be a good read aloud for a 5 or 6 year old preparing to attend school. Tony tries to have a good first day at school, but there are some mishaps. He survives mistakes and embarrassment to ultimately have a successful day.

My son absolutely loves this book.

Very cute! This is one of a series starring a young penguin. Very kid friendly. I particularly enjoyed the scene where he packs parmesan cheese in his bookbag for his lunch.

Bought it for a friends daughter - they call her Tony Baloney and she had no clue the character existed.

My first grade class really loved this book!!

GOOD READ

While I like that this book is an easy reader and cute for kids, I find that it teaches kids that

stereotypes are okay. For example, in the beginning of the book, it talked about his bossy big sister. Now we all know about bossy big sisters but they are in no way acceptable. On the other hand, I was glad when at the end the parents stepped in and defended the penguin. I was also not fond of the school rules. While they were all reasonable rules, Tony broke them often. Or at least that's what the teacher thought. If the teacher was a good teacher, she would have talked to Tony giving him other strategies to help him work through what she felt were his problems. I felt this book talked down to Tony. I think all of his mistakes were age appropriate and should have been talked about. Not a fan of the way the teacher treated him. As a side note, I am all into holding kids accountable for their actions. However, the only way they can be held accountable is if you talk to them and get their side of the story. This book made Tony accountable as if he was always doing something wrong.

My daughter got this at her school book fair this year and it's been a welcome addition to her book collection. It's not her favorite book, but it's cute and lets kids see that making mistakes is okay. Tony is a macaroni penguin that's just as nervous as he is excited for his first day of school. When he gets to school there's all kinds of new rules to learn and poor Tony seems to break all of them. Try as he might, his first day of school doesn't start out as planned but he doesn't let it get him down. It's a nice book that shows doing your best and not giving up stands for a lot even if it falls short of expectations. I can't say the book overly impressed me but it has funny moments and has a great message. Sometimes kids need to know it's okay not to be perfect. Her next book, "Tony Baloney: Buddy Trouble" follows the same footsteps by also including some great family values. With their combination of humor and values, this book series is rising fast to our favorites list. Highly recommended.

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