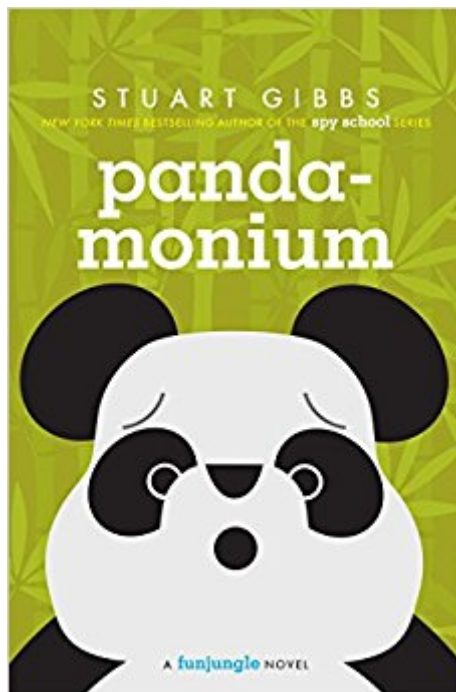


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Panda-monium (FunJungle)



Synopsis

Teddy Fitzroy returns as FunJungle's resident sleuth when the zoo's newest addition goes missing "before she even arrives!" in Panda-monium, the latest novel in Stuart Gibbs's FunJungle series. FunJungle is frenzied, awaiting the arrival of its most thrilling animal yet "Li Ping" a rare and very expensive giant panda that the zoo went to enormous lengths to secure. But when the truck transporting Li Ping shows up, its precious cargo has vanished into thin air. The FBI steps in to investigate, and Teddy is happy to leave the job in their (supposedly) capable hands. After all, FunJungle has never encountered a crime this serious. But when someone threatens to blackmail Teddy's girlfriend, Summer, if he doesn't solve the crime, his involvement in this mystery is no longer black and white.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"Gibbs never scrimps on creating belly-laughing hullabaloo for his white protagonists. Interweaving animal facts (pandas can produce 50 pounds of poop per day) into his plot, the author seamlessly inspires compassion and urgency on behalf of species endangered due to lack of habitat and exotic animal trafficking." (Kirkus Reviews 1/15/17)"Gibbs never scrimps on creating belly-laughing hullabaloo...Never slumping into the formulaic doldrums, the FunJungle series keeps on chugging."

(Kirkus Reviews)"Readers who enjoy mysteries and animals will love Gibbs's ability to mingle clues with animal facts. . . Readers won't have to be familiar with Teddy's previous escapades to dive right into this story." — Lindsey Tomsu (Booklist April 15 2017)"...This is a great read that flows well and will engage readers through to the end. Perfect for lower-grade, high-level readers looking for appropriate content with a fully developed plot." (School Library Connection August/September 2017)

Stuart Gibbs is the author of the FunJungle series, as well as the New York Times bestselling Spy School and Moon Base Alpha series. He has written the screenplays for movies like See Spot Run and Repli-Kate, worked on a whole bunch of animated films, developed TV shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, ABC, and Fox. Stuart lives with his wife and children in Los Angeles. You can learn more about what he's up to at StuartGibbs.com.

Nine year old loves this series!

I've read every one of Stuart Gibbs' books so far, and have loved every single one. Keep up the good work!

Stuart Gibbs is an incredible writer, and this book was so much fun. I love this series!

Great book and takes a fun unexpected turn

I really enjoyed reading another of Gibbs' amazing and well written books!

When you write a series about zoo animals, you have to include pandas. In fact, it almost surprises me that it took Stuart Gibbs until the fourth book in the FunJungle series to write Panda-monium. Whether you are a fan of the series or picking up the book because you love all things panda, this book will definitely entertain. If you've missed these books, they are a middle grade mystery series set in FunJungle, a combination zoo and amusement park in the middle of Texas. Okay, so the rides are still being built in this book, but the zoo has some wonderful sounding exhibits. Our main character is Teddy Fitzroy, whose parents both work for the park. He also happens to be friends with Summer, the park owner's daughter. Honestly, if this place really existed, I'd love to go visit it, and I'm not much of a zoo person. And don't let the

middle grade target audience fool you. These are some fantastically plotted mysteries with strong characters all ages will enjoy. It's the big day for FunJungle. They have been granted the privilege of adding a panda to their many zoo animals. As always, they've gone all out to create the perfect environment for Li Ping. And they've taken every precaution they could to help her arrive in comfort via a custom built truck. While they've tried to keep her arrival a secret, word has gotten out and the front gate is crowded with panda fans. Of course, Teddy Fitzroy is on hand as well, although he's inside the park thanks to his connections. It's why he is on hand when the back of the truck is actually opened to reveal nothing inside. Li Ping and the veterinarian assigned to travel with her are nowhere to be found. With the threat of an international incident, the FBI quickly swoop in, and Teddy figures this is one mystery in FunJungle he won't be solving. That is until Large Marge corners Teddy. While he and the security guard have had a contentious relationship (to put it mildly), she wants Teddy to investigate the panda's disappearance, and she isn't above using blackmail to get Teddy to do it. But with the FBI involved, will he find any clues without getting into trouble? Of course, this plot teaser leaves out a very fun sub-plot involving the dolphins at FunJungle. The two are perfectly balanced to keep readers engaged the entire way through the book. And when I got to the end, I couldn't believe the clues I had missed along the way. Yes, once again, the mystery is perfectly put together with clues and red herrings that keep us guessing until the very end. The characters are growing and changing as this series goes along as well, something that can be rare in a middle grade mystery, but I find refreshing. The cast is fantastic, and I just love them. Stuart Gibbs uses these books to point out the very real dangers facing some of the endangered animals on our planet. Yet, that is never the focus of the book but an aspect to it. After all, I can't forget the fun. Yes, the FunJungle setting lives up to its name. Who wouldn't want to have almost free reign of a zoo/amusement park. Plus we get great humor coming from the characters and some of the situations they find themselves in. Believe me, you'll find plenty to laugh out in between the danger and the clues. So settle back and get ready for some Panda-monium. This book will delight fans of the series and create plenty of new ones.

The fourth entry in the Fun Jungle series is just as fun and fast paced as the other ones! As usual Teddy has one big and small mystery to solve at the sprawling park and is accompanied by his now girlfriend Summer. Summer is more of a tag-along in this book than previous stories and her access to places and her father are much less important, allowing Teddy to shine even more than usual. I have to say that I was really surprised by some of the twists in the big mystery but guessed parts as well.

The smaller mystery had me totally stumped (and involve dolphin hijinx that kids will love). This go round Teddy is barred from the investigation by the big guns of the FBI--and feels relieved--but is thrust into solving Li-Ping's disappearance anyway. I thought this was clever on the author's part because it was becoming a little unbelievable that he would be willing to risk himself (after so many near death scrapes in early cases) and that the adults would be letting him take such a lead role yet again. I really enjoyed the book and found a lot that will intrigue kids as well as tons of humor to keep them laughing. Large Marge appears again and provides a lot of comic entertainment, in addition to fun poked at the big business aspect of park relations. Plenty of adventure, danger, and fast pacing will keep kids reading as well. As usual there was a wealth of information about the park animals and conservation woven into the book in an interesting way. There was only one thing I had a problem with, and it seemed pretty serious to me, involving a malicious prank that Summer and Violet play on the twin bully brothers of the school. In response to their harassment of Xavier the girls pants the boys in the middle of the cafeteria. The whole cafeteria laughs and applauds and the teachers on lunch duty do nothing as if in tacit approval. This sends a HORRIBLE message and really surprised me. I think it's something that parents will want to talk to their kids about afterwards. Other than that, the book was excellent.

I bought this because the author came to my daughter's school and was signing books.

Unfortunately, my daughter left her book in the classroom and didn't get to have hers signed : (But she loves the book!

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