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Poached (Teddy Fitzroy Series Book 2)



Synopsis

Teddy Fitzroy's back for another zoo mystery "this time it's a koala caper" in this action-packed follow-up to *Belly Up* that SLJ called a "œwhopper of a whodunit that delivers plenty of suspects, action, slapstick, gross bodily functions, red herrings, and animal trivia." School troublemaker Vance Jessup thinks Teddy Fitzroy's home at FunJungle, a state-of-the-art zoo and theme park, is the perfect place for a cruel prank. Vance bullies Teddy into his scheme, but the plan goes terribly awry. Teddy sneaks into the koala exhibit to hide out until the chaos dies down. But when the koala goes missing, Teddy is the only person caught on camera entering and exiting the exhibit. Teddy didn't commit the crime "but if he can't find the real culprit, he'll be sent to juvie as a convicted koala-napper.

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A teenager gets accused of stealing a koala from a zoo and must use his wits and his knowledge to help him out of the mess. When a class bully and a zoo security officer make life more difficult for him and hamper his efforts, he realizes he doesn't have much time to find the real thief and prove his innocence. Stuart Gibbs offers middle grade readers this premise in the somewhat

enjoyable but often painfully didactic book Poached. Teddy Fitzroy lives at the zoo. Well, not exactly at the zoo, called FunJungle, but close enough. Both of his parents work there, and he gets access to areas of the zoo that most of his friends don't. So when the class bully orders him to pull a prank by dropping fake arms and feet into the shark tank, Teddy can't exactly find a good reason to say no. Despite an elaborate plan to pull off the prank (and satisfy the bully and his cronies) but not get caught, things don't work out the way Teddy envisioned. He finds himself fleeing the scene of the crime and looking for a place to hide. When he slips into the koala exhibit, he thinks his troubles have abated. But he doesn't know that the real trouble hasn't even started yet. Kazoo the Koala, on loan from the Australian government, goes missing the next day, and Teddy becomes the prime suspect. For some people at the zoo, he's the only suspect. Teddy realizes that he'll have to work fast to solve the crime on his own if he wants to avoid juvenile detention. Author Stuart Gibbs brings back characters from his first book, Belly Up, to share with readers a new zoo mystery adventure and to introduce new adventures for Teddy and his friends and family.

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