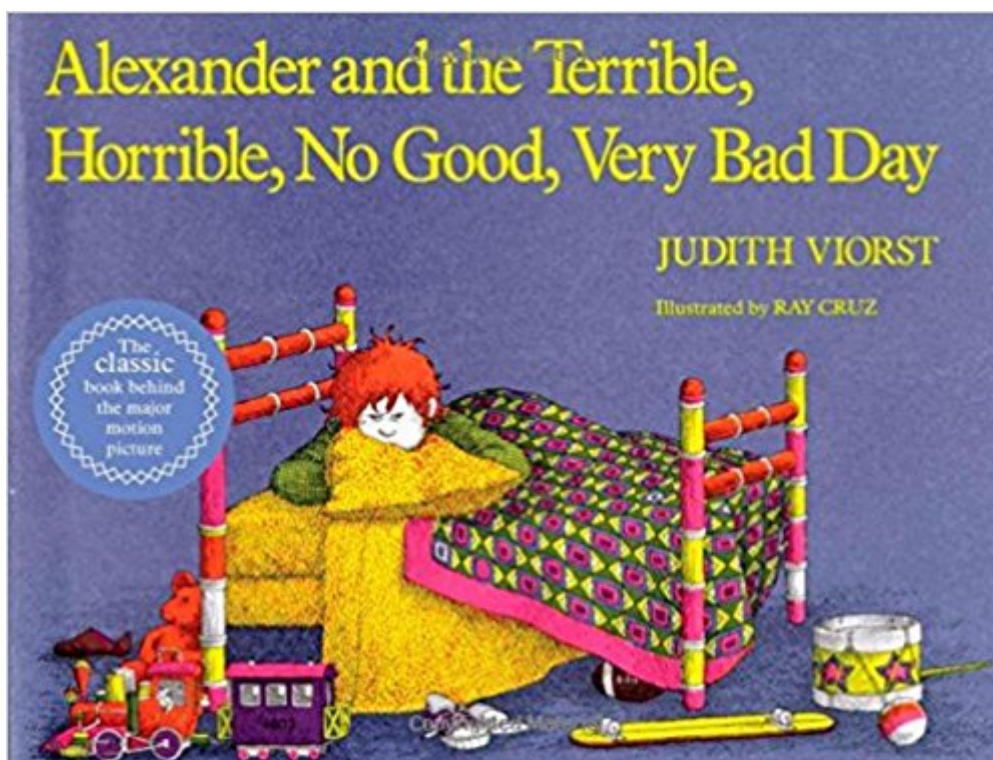


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# Alexander And The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day



## Synopsis

The perennially popular tale of Alexander's worst day is a storybook that belongs on every child's bookshelf. Alexander knew it was going to be a terrible day when he woke up with gum in his hair. And it got worse... His best friend deserted him. There was no dessert in his lunch bag. And, on top of all that, there were lima beans for dinner and kissing on TV! This handsome new edition of Judith Viorst's classic picture book is sure to charm readers of all ages.

## Book Information

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Paperback: 32 pages

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Product Dimensions: 10 x 0.3 x 7.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 1,101 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #617 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #15 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Emotions & Feelings #48 in Books > Children's Books > Humor

Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 4 - 6

## Customer Reviews

"I went to sleep with gum in my mouth and now there's gum in my hair and when I got out of bed this morning I tripped on the skateboard and by mistake I dropped my sweater in the sink while the water was running and I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day." So begin the trials and tribulations of the irascible Alexander, who has been earning the sympathy of readers since 1972. People of all ages have terrible, horrible days, and Alexander offers us the cranky commiseration we crave as well as a reminder that things may not be all that bad. As Alexander's day progresses, he faces a barrage of bummers worthy of a country-western song: getting smushed in the middle seat of the car, a dessertless lunch sack, a cavity at the dentist's office, stripeless sneakers, witnessing kissing on television, and being forced to sleep in railroad-train pajamas. He resolves several times to move to Australia. Judith Viorst flawlessly and

humorously captures a child's testy temperament, rendering Alexander sympathetic rather than whiny. Our hero's gum-styled hair and peevish countenance are artfully depicted by Ray Cruz's illustrations. An ALA Notable Book, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* is a great antidote to bad days everywhere, sure to put a smile on even the crabbiest of faces. (Ages 5 to 9) --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Objecting loudly to his family's plans to relocate, the hero of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* "makes a gratifying return," said PW. Ages 5-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Disappointed a little in this book, but it's my own fault... Just forgot how much whining is in the book from the main character.

Not nearly as cute as I thought it would be. No real point or lesson.

I purchased *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* to read to my little girls at bedtime. This book is beautifully illustrated. My girls loved the story, and the book is a nice size with quality weight paper pages. I think the little ones can kind of relate to all the terrible things that happen to Alexander in the book, and it's a nice way to kind of let them know that sometimes their grumpy feelings are normal. This is now one of our favorite nightly stories, and they ask for it often.

One of the all time best children's books. I loved it as a child and now I love reading it to my daughter!

A Hit for 3 Generations  
Humor with words & illustrations that babies & school kids LOVE!  
Even 10 mo old babies love the drama & rhythmic *Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*  
Babies love naming the toys strewn under his bed & other details, further into the story.  
When I taught school -- it was one of my 3rd & 4th graders favorite quick stories to help them re-engage -- after lunch & recess.  
TLN Golden, Colorado

This is a great book! Judith Viorst wrote a terrific book that shows the types of bad days children experience. The book teaches children that sometimes things don't go their way but you have to deal with. They can't move to Australia to try and escape their problems. A very comical book that

appeals to anybody of any age on a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Looked at the preview to make sure it was the book, the preview was. So I bought it. It's a teachers planner thing! Seriously!?! Now I can't return it... Thanks

This is one of those classic books that most people remember from their childhood. I have given it several times to people as a baby shower gift, along with some other favorites. It's my favorite gift to give -- I always look back through the books and get nostalgic, and the expectant mothers are usually happily surprised by the gift. At the showers, most people leaf back through the books. I love the idea of passing along these wonderful stories to the next generation. And really, we all have terrible, horrible, no good, very bad days, don't we???)

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