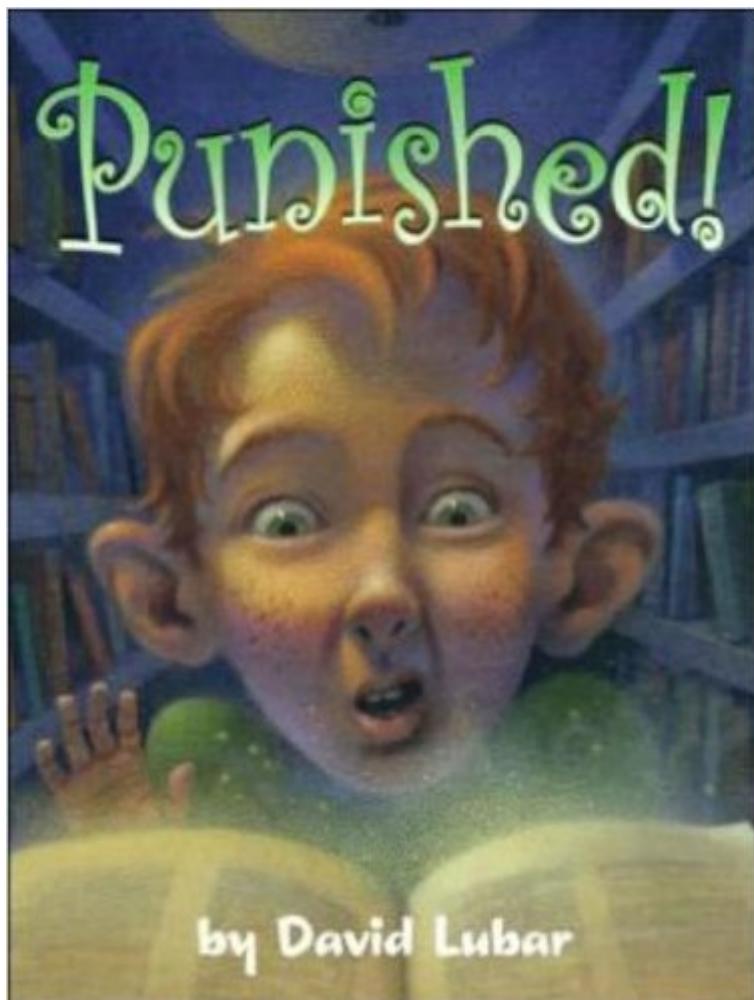


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# Punished! (Darby Creek Exceptional Titles)



## **Synopsis**

Logan and his friend Benedict run into the wrong guy at the library--literally. When Logan slams into the reference guy in the basement and gives him a little lip, Logan gets punished, really and truly punished. He has three days to complete three tasks before Professor Wordsworth will lift the magical punishment that keeps getting Logan in even more trouble.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Punished! tells the story of a boy named Logan who accidentally collides with the mysterious Professor Wordsworth in the reference section of the library. After saying he is sorry, Wordsworth states that words are not always enough. Wordsworth decides that Logan needs to be "punished" and blows dust on him from an old book. Immediately after his encounter with Professor Wordsworth, Logan realizes something is definitely wrong... everyone groans after he talks. Analyzing his speech, Logan now realizes he is speaking in puns. He tracks down Wordsworth a the library and asks how he can undo his "punishment". The professor then sets Logan to three separate tasks. First he has to gather oxymorons, then anagrams, and finally palindromes and bring them back to the professor in time, or Logan can't be cured. I know of David Lubar from his short story collections In The Land of the Lawn Weenies and The Invasion of the Road Weenies. Those

stories are somewhat twisted and mildly creepy, but appeal to a lot of my fourth grade students. Punished! doesn't play up the creepiness found in Lubar's short stories, but has some similar mysterious elements. The novel's action moves along and is quite predictable, but this book would appeal to third through fifth graders who enjoy wordplay. Recommended, but not essential.

I think this book is really funny. It is about a boy named Logan who has a friend named Benedict. Benedict takes him to the library and they play tag. Logan runs into a man in the library, and the man blows magic dust at him. Then Logan can only talk in puns unless he is talking to the man or only says three words per sentence. The way he says the puns in sentences make me laugh. An example of him saying a pun is when the teacher asks him to use the word industry in a sentence and he says, "The cat got got stuck up industry and wouldn't come down." When he asks the man how he can stop saying puns, he tells him to find seven oxymorons in twenty-four hours. After he finds all of them, the man tells him to find seven anagrams. He still finds all of them. His last test to get rid of his puns is to find seven palindromes. He finds six, but can't find the seventh. Right before time is up, he learns that the man's friends call him Bob, so Logan gets cured and has a pizza party at a pizzeria with Benedict.

Punished! is an excellent book for a preteen that makes learning about puns, oxymorons, anagrams, and palindromes exceedingly fun! I highly recommend this book (and Lubar's Numbed! as well) for anyone (preteen to grandparent) that's interested in creative word play.

I'm in the 3rd grade and i just read Punished...wow! it's the best one on my reading record sheet! When Logan goes to the library to study for his research, someone stops him from running in the library and he gets his face puffed up with fairy dust which scrambled his brains. Now, whenever he talks a pun comes out. To cure this evil curse, he must go out and find certain types of words. I like it because everything in the story ties together (if you know what I mean.)

My 7th grade English class was doing a unit on wordplay and puns. I read this to them and they moaned and groaned, BUT they understood the puns and laughed a lot. Fun book and quick reading.

Purchased for my 11 year old daughter for a summer reading challenge for school, this was a quick and fun book that she liked quite a bit. It has an 3rd grade AR level, but it is easily a fun read book

for older kids.

My son loves this book and surprises me all the time with the tidbits he picks up from it.

Logan was in the Library trying to get started on a school project. He didn't mean to be running, it was just that his friend, Benedict has such a short attention span...Now he is stuck speaking in puns--will this last the rest of his life? This is a fun way to look at words and multiple meanings that is very accessible.

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