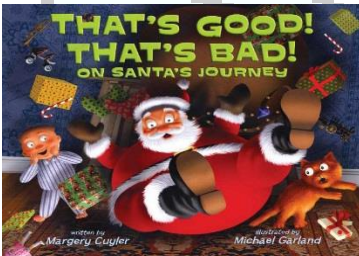




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Teacher's Book Review**



That's Good! That's Bad! On Santa's Journey,
Margery Cuyler, illustrated by Michael Garland
Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, December 19th, 2012.

Most of us imagine Santa's mission on the night of December 24th to be uneventful. After all he has 364 days to prepare for it. Apparently this is not always the case. Santa Claus, portrayed in this week's picture book, encounters more than his share of obstacles after he has loaded up his sleigh and kissed his wife, Mrs. Claus, good-bye for the night. In fact the reader will actually wonder if he will be able to deliver all of his presents.

The book's text along with the artwork is intended for a young reader. Depending on the circumstances, each situation involving Santa concludes with the same words, "Oh, that's good. No that's bad!" or "Oh, that's bad. No that's good!" The job of the reader is to anticipate how the bad situation could possibly be good or how the seemingly good situation could be bad. Children will delight in trying to figure this out and will have to wait until you turn the page to find out the answer. The illustrations are colourful and drawn in a caricature style. The text is filled with sound effect words which will add to the fun of sharing this book with a younger sibling.