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# Recess Is A Jungle!: A Branches Book (Eerie Elementary #3)



## Synopsis

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! Sam, Antonio, and Lucy are passing around a soccer ball at recess when something strange happens... They soon find themselves in a fog-filled jungle! The grass and trees have come alive, growing high into the sky. And the friends discover that it's not just the school itself that's alive -- it's everything on the school grounds! Sam, Antonio, and Lucy must find their way out of a monstrous hedge maze in time to rescue the rest of the students!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

LOVE! LOVE! LOVE! This is an excellent series of books! Wish there was more books in the series! My nine-year-old son just loves them I was so excited to get this in the mail today!!! I am sure he will not disappoint!

EXCELLENT!!! My 7yr old, advanced but very reluctant reader, son LOVED this book. He snatched

it out of my hands and read it in one sitting as soon as it arrived. When he finished he declared that the story was "EPIC". I have the first two Eerie Elementary books to thank for getting my son past his hangup with "too many words" in a book. These were the first books that I didn't have to force him to read. The stories are exciting, engaging, a little silly, and not predictable. The illustrations are lively and enhance the story. My only complaint is that there aren't more books in the series!

My son is 7 and in second grade and he loves this series. They are specifically part of a scholastic series designed to get young readers engaged and excited about reading. My son gobbles these up. They have more action so kids do not get bored. I highly recommend these books (there are only three so far) and other books that are part of the Scholastic Branches series.

It is once again up to Sam, Antonio, and Lucy to save the school and all the students within the doors. In this book they are playing with a soccer ball that ends up going between the fence outside of the school all on its own. The three of them find this odd and argue amongst each other about whether or not they should go after it. In the end they decide to go chasing after the ball. They end up in a full blown jungle that they are certain was never there before. Lucy pulls out an old journal that belonged to Orson Eerie and in it is a map of what he'd planned to do with land around the school. They learn that it wasn't just the school, that it was land around the school that was owned by Orson and because of that there isn't a lot of safe places for the students to be around the school, because it turns out even the land around the school is alive. Alive with a plan to trap Sam, Antonio, and Lucy out in the jungle while it hurts the children within the school walls. Does the land around the school succeed? Do Sam, Antonio, and Lucy find a way to stop it from hurting the children in the school? Are they able to go another day and feel safe? Even if for a little while? What is Orson Eerie's plan of action? What is he trying to accomplish by trying to hurt all the children in the school over and over and over again? This book was a nice and fast read. I enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed the previous two books in the series. I think that any child that enjoys a little adventure, that enjoys a little mystery and suspense will enjoy reading this book and the previous ones. They are fast reads that pull the reader in and when that happens it's a feeling like no other a feeling that can't be explained because the book has you in the grips and I think that helps to make a wonderful read for children that are just being introduced to chapter books.

My third grade son loves this series of books. He read this in a day- his only complaint- it wasn't long enough!!! He is NOT a reader by any means so to hear him say that, I wish it was longer too!

Please hurry and write the next one!

My six-year-old son has loved this series since book #2 came out. So much so that a year ago we emailed the author in hopes that #3 would be on its way soon. He actually emailed us back and said he would be writing more! Needless to say, it thrilled my son that one of his favorite authors had actually contacted him back. Well. We've been waiting for over a year for book #3 and just finished it tonight. We loved it! The author has such a great way with keeping young kids in suspense, that saving more chapters until the next night was just torture for my son (in a good way)! This series has been largely responsible for my son's jump to chapter books, and #3 didn't disappoint. Now, more waiting until #4!

Orson Eerie mounted an attack on the school and tricked Sam, Antonio and Lucy out of the school compound. To prevent them from rescuing the children, Orson set up maze and turned the playground games into dangerous devices and placed them in the way of the returning heroes. The pace is very fast and the reader will be reading spellbound until the last page!

When I saw that there would be another book to this series, I was so excited for my 6 year old. He loves them! So naturally, I preordered and didn't tell him about it. He was ecstatic when it came. It's a great book to a great series.

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