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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 3–7—Russell, author of the best-selling "Dork Diaries" series, returns with an even dorkier character. Fans may remember Max Crumbly from *Tales from a Not-So-Perfect Pet Sitter*. Max, who was previously homeschooled by his grandmother, is having a hard time adjusting to life at his new public school. Max's biggest problem is a bully named Doug "Thug" Thurston, who traps him in his locker right before a three-day weekend, leaving him as the only witness to the sinister activities taking place while the school is closed. The story ends on a cliffhanger, a sure sign that this is not the last of Max Crumbly. Kyle Beltran's animated portrayal of Max helps bring the text to life so listeners (almost) won't miss Russell's amusing illustrations. VERDICT Recommended for "Dork Diaries" fans. ["Max's goofy, embarrassing exploits will make this a popular and high-circulating item in most collections": SLJ 7/16 review of the *S. & S. Aladdin* book.]—Theresa Horn, St. Joseph County Public Library, South Bend, IN

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This is Max Crumbly's first experience in public school, and so far he's vomited on bully Doug "Thug" Thurston, forfeited a race due to his insistent bladder, and been locked in his locker—but it's still better than home-schooling with Grandma. Humiliation's a bummer, but cute Erin Madison seems friendly, so the asthmatic, white eighth-grader perseveres. Max laboriously introduces his quirks (chiefly a preoccupation with bathroom functions, but he also likes comic books and rap), his supporting cast, and plot elements in an illustrated "journal" that's marked by many exclamation points and cross-outs. The latter can be baffling; readers will understand why Max seeks to conceal his crush on Erin from his putative audience (and himself), but why redact "I could eat a bowl of alphabet soup and POOP better lyrics!"? Pacing is uneven: the action doesn't really get underway till about the two-thirds mark, when Thug locks Max up again, this time for a long weekend, and the would-be superhero discovers three inept burglars as he tries to escape—and then the story ends on a cliffhanger. Even given its conscious nod to comic books, the plotting is implausible and the prose often painfully artless ("That's when I excitedly came up with a brilliant plan!"), making its eighth-grade authorship all too convincing. This spinoff is heavy on the poop jokes and light on almost everything else—readers expecting a boy *Dork Diaries* with equal nuance may be surprised. (Graphic/fiction hybrid. 8-12) (Kirkus Reviews 5/15/16)

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From the creator of the "Dork Diaries" comes a new series starring a lovable new hero. Max's transition from homeschooling to public school is rocky, especially since he has asthma and an irritable bladder triggered by social anxiety. His plight deepens when a stereotypical bully, Thug, harasses Max and locks him in his locker—twice. The first time, Max is freed by his crush, Erin, and the two forge a connection. The second time, Max is stuck after school for hours. When he finally manages to escape, he discovers hidden sections of the ill-maintained school building. He also finds inept criminals stealing the school computers. With Erin's help, he manages to save the day. The character development is light, and the style is conversational. Fans of Janet Tashjian's *My Life as a Book* will be drawn to the journal-style format and crisp, manga-inspired line drawings. Those who enjoyed the melodramatic middle school mayhem in Chris Rylander's *The Fourth Stall* or Varian Johnson's *The Great Greene Heist* will appreciate Max's chuckle-worthy adventures. VERDICT A solid purchase for middle school libraries where "The Dork Diaries" series is popular. Max's goofy, embarrassing exploits will make this a popular and high-circulating item in most collections.

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