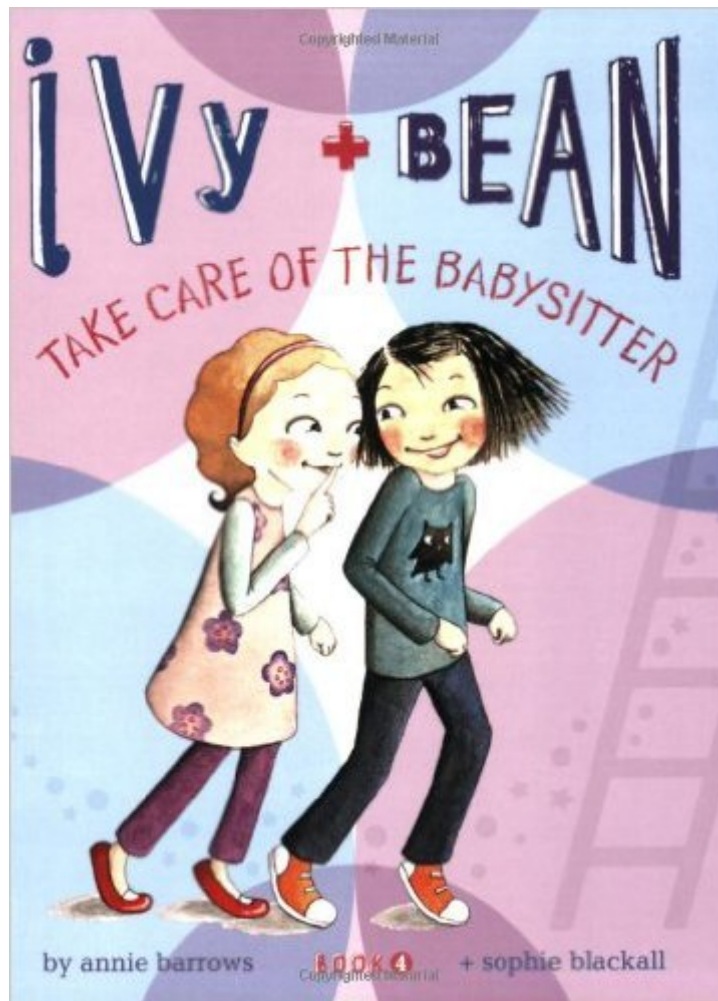


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# Take Care Of The Babysitter (Ivy & Bean, Book 4)



## Synopsis

The adventures of Ivy and Bean continue in the latest installment from series creators Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall. In *Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter*, the two girls hatch a plan to prove that Bean's big sister is the world's worst babysitter. Of course plans go awry, but fun ensues!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

My six-year-old daughter loves to read and has recently started reading chapter books. Once she got over her obsession with the Junie B. Jones series, I managed to get her interested in the Cam Jansen series of books and then I discovered the Ivy and Bean series. My daughter loves the central characters, Bean and her best friend Ivy. The girls are precocious, intelligent, and always up to some adventure (or misadventure, depending on how one looks at it!). These traits appeal to my daughter as she is quite the adventurer herself, and the chapters are relatively short, which makes it easy for her to read independently. The books average about 120 pages, and she manages to read up to 40 pages per sitting (around 45 minutes). What I found to be fascinating was that the plot for each story is so well-written and developed that my daughter could not stop once she started reading! I usually sit with her and supervise her reading, helping out with some difficult words, and

she gets so involved with the story that she just keeps on reading. This to me is the mark of a good book, one that entices a young reader to keep reading. The language is not dumbed down, on the contrary, there are some challenging words which I help my daughter with (pronunciation and definition, if necessary). The black and white illustrations by Sophie Blackall that appear in each chapter add to the appeal of these books. In the fourth installment in the Ivy and Bean series, Bean is horrified when her parents decide to allow Nancy, Bean's older sister (and nemesis) to babysit Bean while her parents attend a play.

My granddaughter, who is just starting chapter books, likes to read these books and/or have them read along to her. Why? Ivy and Bean are friends. Good friends. Being a friend and having a friend is an important thing, and appeals to my reader. Ivy and Bean have very different personalities. It's not a good girl/bad girl deal. Kids who generally behave well but sometimes mess up are also appealing, and identifiable. Most Ivy and Bean adventures arise from goofy stuff that pops into their heads, (ghosts, finding fossils, and so on). Well, my girl can't actually do magic either, but she understands pretending really hard. It's not a lot of fancy princess stuff. That was fine, but we're moving away from that. (But there is a lot of dressing-up from the dress-up box; and that's fine.) The parents are loving and supportive. That is a great comfort, and I simply do not understand kids' light entertainment, (as opposed to "problem"), books that feature idiot, distant, or absent parents. Everything is fueled by their imagination, which, apart from building reading skills, seems like it should be the point of these types of books. So, dive in anywhere, the books don't have to be read in order, and just have a nice reading experience.

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My granddaughter and I have started a quest to read all the Ivy and Bean books. She is soon to turn seven and has so enjoyed the spunky girls. She has a school friend that is named Ivy and now my granddaughter has been nicknamed Bean. We will surely read them all.

We got the first Ivy and Bean book when she was 10, and she has loved them all. She wasn't a big reader before, but this series helped her get interested in reading. Now she has read them all. She loves to read them on Kindle.

Daughter had it on wish list for granddaughter so we ordered it. Did not think it teaches children how to interact with others. Tends to make them a brat if they emulate the way the kids act in the book

My 3rd grade daughter doesn't love to read, but she really got into Ivy & Bean.

Hi! I am 8 years old and this is a really good book. I read it at a friend's house and I loved it. I especially liked the part where Ivy and Bean decide they will live in the attic/crawl space instead of going to college. I also liked the part when they pretended the dirt was a volcano. It is a cute, cuddly and funny book with sweet illustrations. My friend and I are making a series like this one, called DeerDeer + Fluffy, about animals.

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