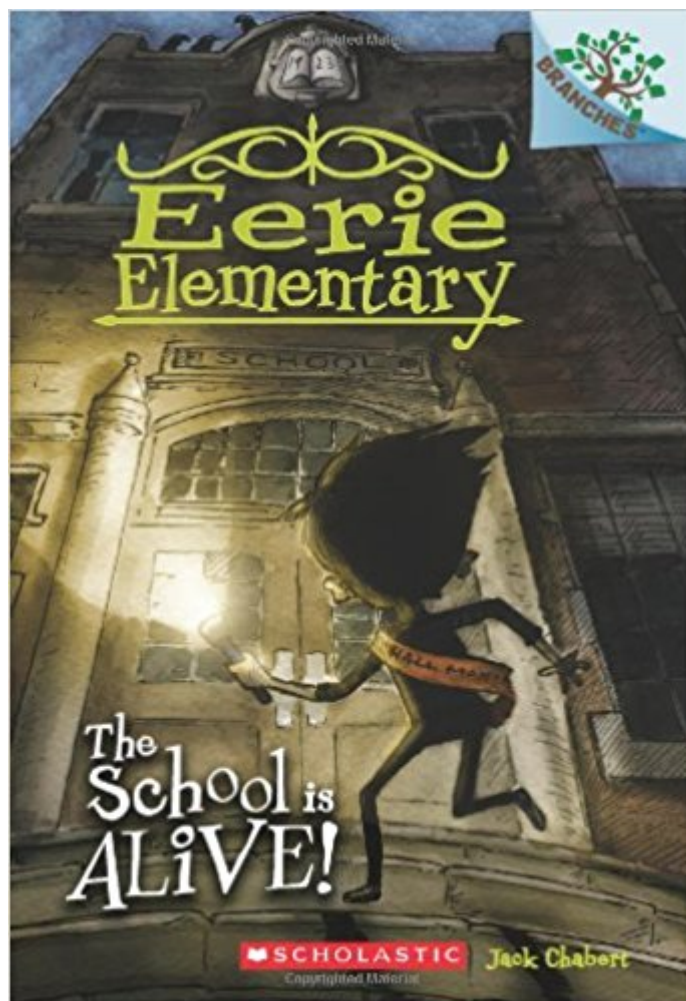


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# The School Is Alive!: A Branches Book (Eerie Elementary #1)



## Synopsis

Eerie Elementary is one scary school! 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! In this first book in the series, Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is ALIVE! Sam finds this out on his first day as the school hall monitor. Sam must defend himself and his fellow students against the evil school! Is Sam up to the challenge? He'll find out soon enough: the class play is just around the corner. Sam teams up with friends Lucy and Antonio to stop this scary school before it's too late!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3 — Sam is Eerie Elementary's newest (and only) hall monitor. He figures it will be a boring job and probably one that earns him enemies. He doesn't count on the school itself being enemy number one. After nearly being swallowed by quicksand and then attacked by a fire hose, Sam is ready to find answers. Could the school be alive? Are all the students in danger, or is it just Sam the school wants? When a play draws all of Eerie Elementary together in one location,

the school makes its move. The counterattack is up to Sam. This early chapter book, with copious black-and-white illustrations throughout, is ideal for readers who want something scary but aren't ready for the "Goosebumps" or "Scream Street" series. -- Kelly Roth, Bartow County Public Library, Cartersville, GA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Who wants to be the hall monitor at a school called Eerie Elementary? Not Sam Graves, that's for sure. He is a little embarrassed by the shiny orange sash he has to wear as he patrols the halls, but when the playground sand tries to eat him, and the school caretaker, Mr. Nakobi, tells him that it's Sam's job to keep the malevolent brick building in check, Sam can't tell whether Mr. Nakobi is crazy or he is. Dynamic, cartoonish illustrations amp up the action, and fun onomatopoeia provides atmosphere. "Pow! Pow! Pow!" as a vending machine fires water bottles at Sam, and "CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!" when a pile of metal folding chairs menaces the third-grade cast of Peter Pan. Sam's friends Antonio and Lucy are by his side (once he convinces them he hasn't lost his mind), but a sentient, evil school is not a peril to be taken lightly. Readers who relish the action of Dav Pilkey's Ricky Ricotta series and the just-beyond-safe scares of R. L. Stine's Rotten School titles may want to enroll at Eerie Elementary. Grades 1-3. --Paula Willey --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

THE SCHOOL IS ALIVE (Eerie Elementary #1) by Jack Chabert, is an early reader with black and white illustrations throughout. My 5-year-old loves illustrated books about kids, and the quirky title/cover of this book caught his eye and the creepy story line held his attention. Sam Graves and his two friends, Lucy & Antonio, are students at Eerie Elementary School, where Sam discovers the school is trying to eat the students. As Hall Monitor, it's up to Sam to fight the school and save the students. In this installment, during the class play, the stage and props come to life and try to swallow the students. I read this book to my 5-year-old son, who thoroughly enjoyed Sam's exciting adventure and looking at the pictures as I read. Though this is marketed as a book for newly independent young readers, I saw more than a few large words that might be too advanced for a newly independent reader. However, there may be enough repetition to help in comprehension. As a book read out loud to a pre-schooler, it was perfect. The chapters are numbered with digits, which made my son happy that he could "read" which chapter we were about to start. The print is large enough to point out sight words for him too. He's excited to read the rest of the

books in the Eerie Elementary series. I'd recommend this book for parents who like to read to their pre-schoolers/kindergardeners/1st graders, and to 2nd-3rd graders who read independently, especially for kids who like adventure and won't be scared by a dark tale with a student-eating villain. 4.5 Stars Reviewed by CM McCoy for Just North of Normal Book Blog

My son is in 3rd grade and thoroughly enjoys this series.. it is an approved AR book. The continuity with characters makes the characters easy to learn and follow through the series

My first grade students loved it!!! Really cute story, not too scary for first grade and second grade.

My son read all the books in the series, very entertaining; he couldn't put the book down!.. He is seven years old.

The first Erie elementary book is super great. It is a book full of adventure and bravery, because Sam has to fight his school, and it takes a lot of bravery just to read it! Sam is picked to be Hall monitor, which means he has to fight the monster inside the school! With the help of his friends Lucy and Antonio will Sam be able to fight the school?

Nice beginner chapter book. My six year old does not like putting this down. He is able to read whole chapters, or I can take a turn and read to him. Total book is about 90 pages, larger font with drawings to help reader imagine the story even more.

Bought Recess is a Jungle during the book festival at my 7 year old's school and she immediately fell in love with it. It's the first book she refused to put down. It took her 2 days to finish the book and begged me to get her the two other Eerie Elementary books. She's reading The School is Alive now and it's as engaging as the first book she read. Hope you'll release more Eerie books soon!

In the words of my first grade daughter, "This book will freak your mind!" When Sam Graves is assigned as hall monitor, he has no idea just how dangerous a job it is. He is positive the school is trying to eat him, but nobody believes him except for a creepy old janitor. But at the school play, the school becomes more dangerous than ever and it's up to Sam to save everyone. My daughter loves creepy books that aren't actually scary, so this was a perfect choice for her. She loved it! It was

such a fun book to read. It was fast paced, action packed, and really spooky. I liked the way Sam had to be brave and rescue his friends. I also liked the old janitor, Mr. Nekobi. He was kind of creepy in his own way and the reader isn't sure he's a good guy. If you have a newly independent reader that likes spooky themes, give this book a try. It's a fully developed story with great characters and lots of suspense. There are pictures in every page, too. Content: mild suspense (the school is trying to eat children)

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