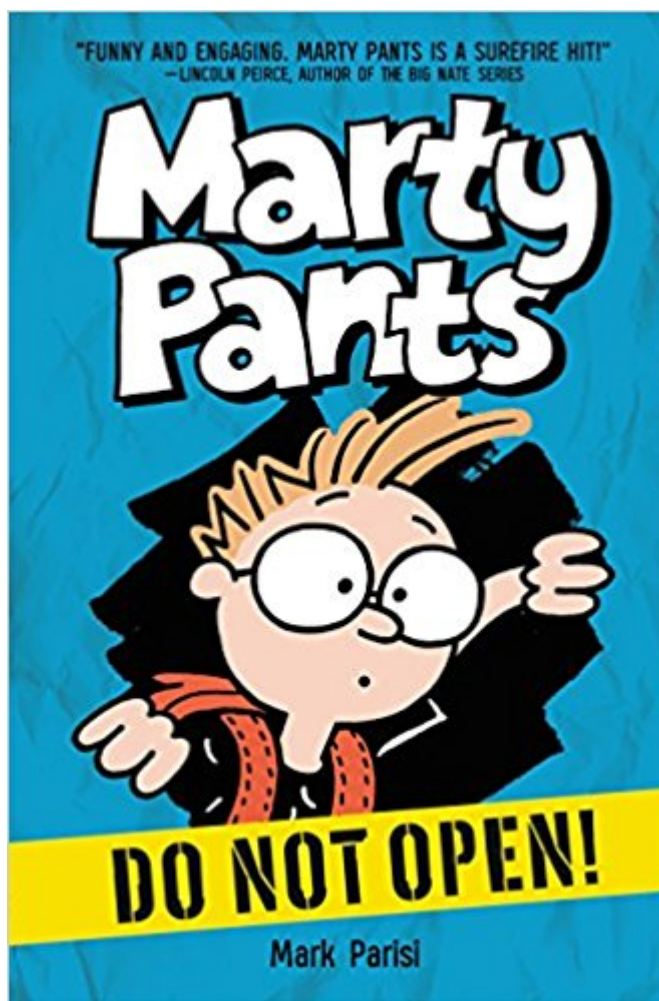


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# Marty Pants #1: Do Not Open!



## Synopsis

“Funny and engaging. Marty Pants is a surefire hit!”—Lincoln Peirce, author of the Big Nate series  
Move over, Wimpy Kid. Here comes the imaginative, the inquisitive, the unstoppable Marty Pants! Marty Pants is different from your typical middle schooler. He has the soul of an artist, and as an artist, he notices things—except when he doesn’t. When Marty discovers a note suggesting an alien is watching him, this is something he can’t ignore. But no one, not his friends, his family, his arch-enemy, nor the chief of police, can see what he sees. So, it’s up to Marty to save the world his way! This hilarious new series follows the endearing, frazzled, embarrassed, and ultimately fearless footsteps of literature’s most unlikely hero: Marty Pants.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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“This cartoonish novel is an easy pick for reluctant readers.” (School Library Journal)  
“Off the Mark cartoonist Parisi’s prose-and-cartoon series kickoff is a winner.” (Kirkus Reviews)  
“Along with useful new vocabulary, readers will find gags and misadventures

aplenty to chortle over, plus a likable, if unusually clueless, everylad who comes away a winner. (Booklist) "Paris's b&w cartoons are meant to be Marty's work, and both text and art deliver zingers, pratfalls, and running gags that will keep kids laughing. (Publishers Weekly)

I am a ten year old reader in fourth grade. I thought this book was hilarious because Marty is always getting himself into trouble. Even though things are obvious, he's always thinking differently from other kids. I also love the way his family his: his mom is dramatic and his dad seems kind of dim and his sister is really annoying. Marty describes all of them in a really funny way. I think you should read this book because you will love it!

I gave this to an 11 year old, and he just loved it!!! When he was finished, he was disappointed to find out there is no Volume 2 so far - if there had been, it would have been on his birthday wish list. His 9 year old brother is anxious to start reading it.

I sent this book to a friend's 9 year old daughter and it was a big hit! She read the whole thing in one night and authorized me to post this review: "I'd give it 10 out of 10 stars! It was funny and it was a really good book!" Direct quote!

I preordered Marty Pants as I have always loved Mark Parisi's cartoons! Before I gave them to my grandchildren, I had to read this book. I loved it, laughing out loud. I can't wait for the next book. In the meantime, my 8 year old grandson said he loved it and was very happy that I preordered the next book !

My 8 years-old son liked it alot

A very funny book and a nice easy read! Really enjoyed it!!

I generally like books built around oblivious but opinionated kids. I'm thinking about characters like Timmy Failure, or even sometimes Greg Heffley from the "Wimpy Kid" books. But those books walk a narrow line, because clueless can become annoying or dense awfully easily. This book, though, walks the line perfectly. Marty is an artist, smart, and observant, except when he isn't. The setup is that Marty receives a note warning him that he's being observed by an alien. SPOILER. For the rest

of the book he suspects the wrong people, misinterprets every clue, and mistakes the meaning of everything he sees and hears, even while the alien's identity becomes obvious. There are a couple of fun things going on here. First, a younger reader will, at some point, wise up to Marty's error and then enjoy being more on top of things than Marty is. The reader has to do a lot of painless reasoning and dot-connecting as he reads, probably without even realizing what he's doing. Marty suspects his teacher, (which is a knowing nod to all of those alien teacher books), but it will become clear to the reader that Marty's on the wrong track. It can be fun to figure things out before the main character does. Beyond that, though, Marty is a very appealing character. He isn't a know-it-all or a whiner or sarcastic. He's a really bright, decent kid who's just a little delusional and never really too full of himself. As a result, he gets to make a lot of funny comments and perceptive throw-away observations without ever being annoying. On top of that, the author has surrounded Marty with some fine supporting characters. The Mom and Dad are O.K., and get a few good lines. Marty's annoying best friend is traditional, but not overdone. Marty's older sister is decent, and apart from some funny sibling friction, she's solid, (which I like in a kid book). Finally, Marty gets a gal pal, Parker, who wants to be a psychiatrist and is always there to analyze Marty. She gets a load of dry, deadpan funny lines and is often the stable center around which Marty revolves. The illustrations are amusing and help move the story along. The neat plotting is sharp and tidy, the lead character is engaging, and the dialogue is witty and often fairly sophisticated. (This book has a vocabulary that's way beyond what one usually sees in books of this type for this reading age, and I don't see why a book can't be silly and yet still sometimes challenging.) The upshot for me was that this book was funnier, more engaging, and more overall enjoyable than I suspected it would be at the outset. If anything, it picks up energy and appeal as it proceeds, which is often not the case. So, a nice all around find. (Please note that I received a free advance will-self-destruct-in-x-days Adobe Digital copy of this book without a review requirement, or any influence regarding review content should I choose to post a review. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.)

Marty Pants is a funny, well-wrought story that my 11-year-old really enjoyed, and engaged with. The book is written in a "Wimpy Kid" format, with illustrations punctuating the humor on each page. This isn't just a WK clone, though. Parisi's humor, unique characters, and clever storytelling make this a stand-out book. I particularly liked the story about Lincoln's Mustache, and Marty's art nemesis who has a penchant for drawing AnemoneBob TrapezoidPants. My son read it multiple times. That's how I know it's a winner with him!

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