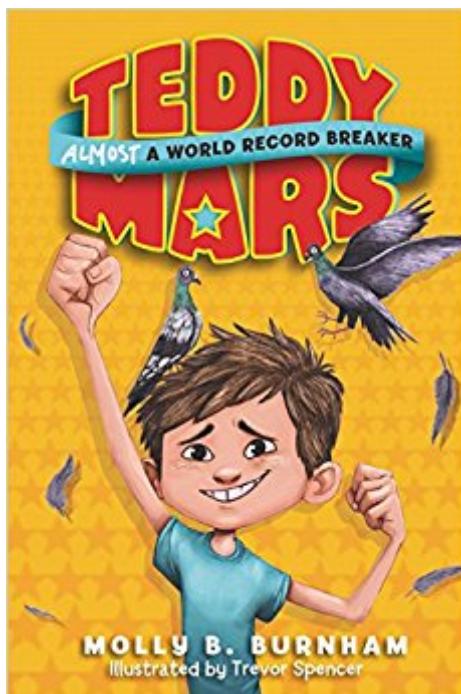


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# Teddy Mars Book #1: Almost A World Record Breaker



## **Synopsis**

Sid Fleischman Humor Award Winner! Fans of Jeff Kinney's humor and Sharon Creech's heartfelt stories will love this hilarious new series about a ten-year-old boy from a big family who dreams of making it into The Guinness Book of World Records. Teddy Mars is determined to stand out in a world full of wonders and a house bursting with siblings. With the help of his best friends, Teddy tries to build the biggest snow mound, stuff the most grapes in his mouth, and lift a chair with his teeth. He'll do anything to succeed— even if it means sleeping in a tent and cleaning up pigeon poop for Grumpy Pigeon Man. Too bad his pesky little brother, also known as The Destructor, always wrecks Teddy's record-breaking plans! Told in short, accessible sections, with memorable lists and winning illustrations, Molly B. Burnham's *Teddy Mars #1: Almost a World Record Breaker* is perfect for reading aloud. Teddy's never-give-up attitude will have readers laughing out loud and clamoring to break records of their own!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 3-6 •Though Burnham breaks no new ground here, this is nevertheless an appealing tale with an engaging narrator. Ten-year-old Teddy Mars, the sixth of seven children, wants to stand out from his siblings and do something meaningful. Unfortunately, in addition to

having five older sisters (a singer, twins, a sports addict, and a bully), he is plagued by an energetic younger brother whom he rightly calls, The Destructor. Little brother Jake adores Teddy but expresses his feelings by ruining most of his older sibling's prized possessions. Teddy's solution is to move out of their shared bedroom and into a tent in the backyard. He also finds respite in reading "Guinness World Records" books and in helping an old neighbor with his homing pigeons. Those two pastimes come together as Teddy attempts to set his own world record. His actual accomplishment won't come as a surprise to astute readers, but Teddy is so amiable and put-upon, he'll find plenty of fans who'll want to read more in the promised series. The book's format, with monthly chapters divided into smaller subchapters, makes this a good choice for reading logs, and the report Teddy has to do on pigeons makes this book an ideal pairing with a nonfiction title on these urban birds.  •Marie Drucker, Malverne Public Library, NY --This text refers to the Digital edition.

2016 Sid Fleischman Humor Award Winner (.)  "Engaging first-person narration, ample drama and bizarre actual world records. Fans of world-record quests will savor Teddy's efforts."  (Kirkus Reviews)  "A highly entertaining debut. Delightfully rambunctious black and white sketches elevate the comedy, while Teddy's hard-nosed perseverance with the aid of friends new and old, takes world record-making to hilarious new heights."  (Publishers Weekly)  "This heartwarming story starts the Teddy Mars series on a hilarious foot, tracing one boy's struggle to stand out in a big family, one failed record-breaking attempt after another. Once the wreckage is cleared, what's left is a loving family that celebrates one another for exactly who they are."  (Booklist)  "There's a lot to love here: a quirky family, an eccentric next door neighbor, best friends, and a dream come true."  (Literacy Daily)

I love this book! I started reading it a little at a time, because it made me laugh and I wanted to stretch it out and savor it. After a certain point though, I just had to keep reading....could not put it down. I had to know what happened. I chuckled, and laughed out loud, and yes, I even cried a little (so sweet)! I want to buy one for every child I know. (yep, I'm a grown-up! doesn't matter! I love it!)

This book has been entertaining for my 9 year old to read. One thing I like about this book as a parent is that it's interesting in a fun way (he has 7 kids in his family, so there's always interest there!) but it doesn't have the negative tone like many books for this age. The kids have respect for

adults, aren't rude to each other and are generally good moral kids who are trying to do what's best while still having fun and learning. A tad like Junie B. Jones for older kids. I'd recommend this book over many popular titles. I'm glad we found it.

My 9-year-old son and I both love this book. He read the entire thing in one sitting, then picked it up a week later and read it again. He loves the Wimpy Kid and Big Nate books, and while there is a similarity in the humor and focus on the everyday life of a kid, Teddy Mars is pitched at a slightly younger reader, and has a gentleness and warmth that I appreciated. The story is engaging and charming, and really, really funny (from explosive vomit episodes and lots of pigeon poop to my favorite Halloween costume ever — a cat in a cat box). Teddy is a nice smart kid, and it's great to read about his enthusiasms (art, Star Wars, pigeons) and adventures (living in a tent in the backyard). Any kid can also relate to his frustrations with his sisters and brother and parents, but it's also fun to imagine a life like his with a big, rollicking family. Plus hilarious illustrations and world records sprinkled throughout the story. Glad to see there are more Teddy adventures to come — we can't wait!

My boys loves this book. Would recommend for 7-11 years olds as a fun read!!

This book is funny and sweet and I buy it for all of my friends with kids. And some without! Fun for all.

A clever and engaging book! My 7 year old and 12 year old savored the 2 chapters a night we would read together. Lots of references to childhood memories and GBWR facts adults can relate to, making it a really fun book to read to and with the kids. My son can not wait for the movie (please author let there be a movie) and is patiently waiting the next book.

My seven year old LOVED reading Teddy Mars. In fact, he couldn't put it down! I highly recommend for any young curious mind; well written and engaging it makes reading so much fun.

10 year old Grandson loved it. Said it was very funny. Unfortunately, it seems to be the only book written by this author otherwise we would have been delighted to buy more.

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