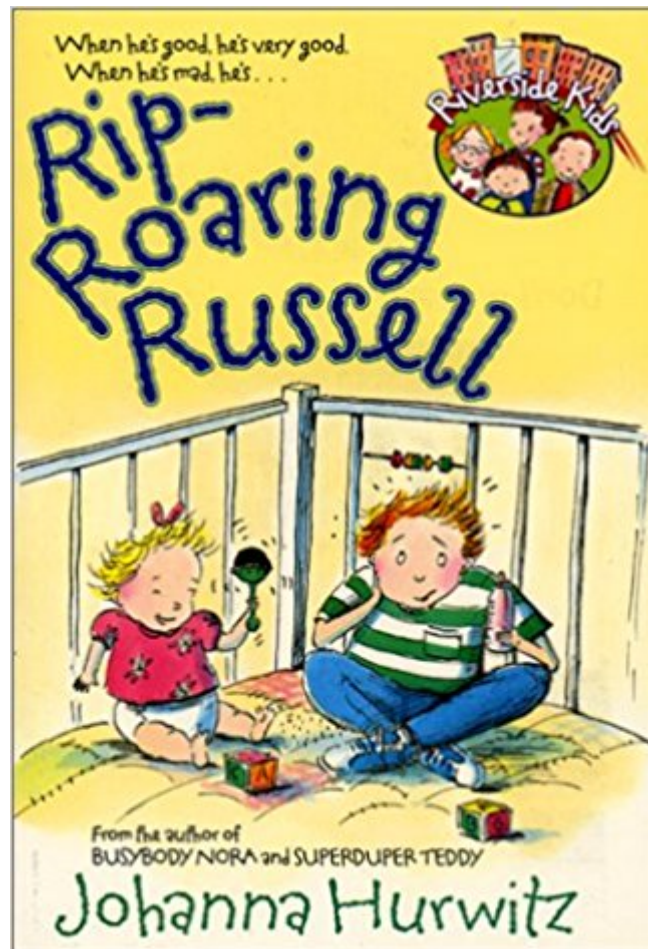




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# Rip-Roaring Russell (Beech Tree Chapter Books)



## Synopsis

Nobody asked Russell if he wanted a baby sister, but as Elisa grows from a screaming infant into an imaginative four-year-old, Russell has to admit that having a spirited little sister just might be fun.

## Book Information

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Three books about irrepressible Russell and his adventures at school. Ages 7-10. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Perfect for reading aloud to first and second graders who will smile in recollection of their own nursery school days." -- School Library Journal --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My 4-year-old loves this book. It is a very basic chapter book about a 4-year-old child who lives in NYC. It accurately captures a child's feelings...how they have occasional meltdowns...and how Russell solves problems. I've been wanting to read longer stories to my child, but his attention span just wasn't ready until I started reading this. I think that this book has helped to expand his ability to listen to stories for longer periods of time, which is great. The only downside is that it represents a very uptown, upper-class, white NYC family. Russell's mother does most of the parenting...the father is only mentioned briefly. And it's just not diverse. NYC is one of the most diverse places in the world...so I wish that was expressed more. In that way, it seems kind of outdated. But because it

so well gets into the mindset of kids this age, I would recommend it.

Johanna Hurwitz is an excellent author of chapter books for young readers. Subject matter in these books are humorous and relatable for 5 year olds thru early elementary school grades.

My name is Russell too, but I am a good Russell. The Russell in the story is nice but sometimes he's naughty. After Gerty and Russell hit each other they were friends again. I learned to read with these books, now I can read! That's all I want to say! P.S. from Russell's mommy: these books are wonderful, perfect for any emergent reader, and just fine for energetic little boys. It was fun to read realistic vignettes set in the city. I liked the chapter where Russell goes out for Chinese food with grandparents, it was familiar! We have read all of them in the series, one is funnier than the next! Johanna Hurwitz has the heart of Beverly Cleary, and the talent, too, but with a style all her own. Don't miss these lovely read-alouds!

We are a second grade class and we read Rip Roaring Russell. This book is about a little boy named Russell Michaels. He has lots of temper tantrums. Sometimes when he gets angry, it gets him into a lot of trouble. But, we also notice how Russell changes throughout the book. He can also be very smart. This was one of the greatest books we've ever read because it's so funny. One of our favorite parts was when he acted like his baby sister. Kids who like to laugh will enjoy this book. We strongly recommend this book!

Five year old boy experiences some of life's moments shared by other children. Chapters have stand-alone themes, so it is great for a chapter a day before bed or at school. It explores disappointment, fighting at school, a first Chinese dinner and wanting attention. Delightful, although I changed use of "stupid" to "dumb" that Russell uses. A great book for students from K through 4th grade, as well as parents. It is a humorous, family oriented book.

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