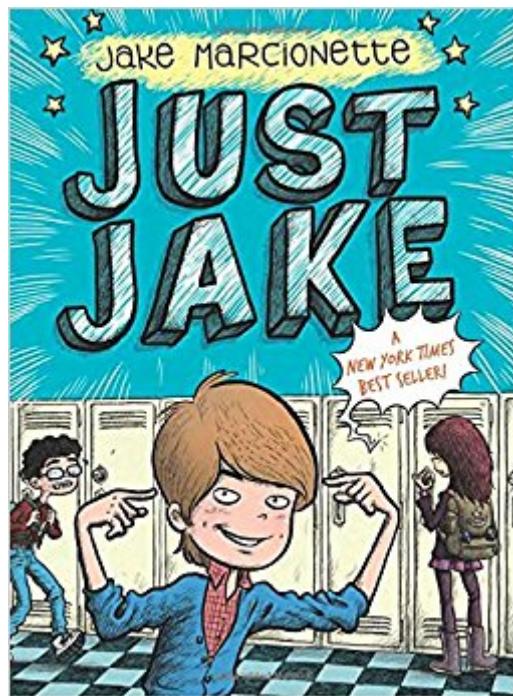


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## Just Jake #1



## Synopsis

As seen on the Today Show and CBS Evening News, New York Times Best Selling Kid Author Jake Marционette explodes into the middle grade diary style genre with a new kind of story. Meet sixth-grader Jake Mathews, whose life is turned upside down when his family moves from Florida to Maryland, where Jake must adapt to a new school. Jake has always ranked the kids at school in his hand-made, humorous "Kid Cards," and when he arrives at his new school, Jake starts building a new collection, befriending as many people as he can while staying under the radar from the school bully. But what happens when the school bully decides Jake's next in line for annihilation and his Kid Cards get into the wrong hands?!! JUST JAKE is a genuine and as Jake himself would say, AWESOME! world of school, family, friends, and teachers; it's the product of a writer talented well beyond his years.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 Sixth-grader Jake Mathews's popularity has gone from a rank of 10 to a low of three, when he is forced to move from Florida to Maryland. Jake's "Awesomeness" is put to the test in his new town as he struggles to make friends and fit in; resulting in his previously

unshakeable confidence beginning to crumble. Marcionette, a sixth grader himself, creates a humorous character who takes readers on an enjoyable journey as he triumphs over a bully, fights with his explosive older sister, attempts to climb back to the top of the social ladder, and finds a group of friends he calls the "misfit toys". At times, Jake's arrogance can be overwhelming, but readers will see through it and realize it is simply a yearning to be accepted. Just Jake is filled with doodles, cut out photos, rules of Awesomeness, and clever "Kid Cards." Fans of Jeff Kinney's "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (Abrams) and Rachel René Russell's "Dork Diaries" (S & S) will enjoy this title. •Megan McGinnis, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NY

Jake Marcionette is in sixth grade, and lives in Maryland with his parents and sister. His favorite sport is lacrosse. JUST JAKE is his first book.

This is next only to Sherman Alexie's *Absolutely True Tales of a Part Time Indian*. It is laugh out loud funny. When Jake met the knitting boy I could not stop laughing. This is shockingly well-written. I do not care who you are. Seriously, buy this book. I do not know Jake, I live in Newfoundland , Canada, but Bravo! I cannot wait for the next book. Are you sure you are 13? You must have truly amazing parents. What a lucky boy to have a sister who is such a "worthy nemesis". Good for you! I hope you sell a million copies!

I saw the network news on this book, as I prepared to take my own freshly published memoir to a 5th grade class for a talk. I got four copies to take along. To show this beautiful middle schooler's creation to the classes was proof. Life worth living is for stories worth telling. Special hats off to the illustrator, adds an extra special something. Morgan Scott Phenix

This a great fun book for kids and also for adults who's inner child is still in grade school.

It arrived in perfect condition and looks like a fun read for my grandson as part of the trilogy!

The biggest buzz in our senior community was over a young author who had appeared on an evening news program. During a CBS news interview, Jake Marcionette talked about, initiating interest in his book. The book which I bought for my grandson, is entitled, "Just Jake". I was pleasantly surprised, for the quality of the writing and the characters are remarkable. I found "Just Jake" to be honest, witty, heartfelt and very funny. When the unexpected happens one can't help but

cheer on the young author. I'm looking forward to a sequel and perhaps a third book to complete a "Just Jake", trilogy. Well Done!

I'm twelve years old and I LOVE these books! The kid is a comedy wizard! Extremely funny, good story line, just absolutely love this series. I am also a young writer, so my mom thought that it would be a good idea to read books from other kids, so she found this and gave it to me and is one of my favorite series! :)

I was very impressed. The beginning was a little slow but once Jake injected humor the story took off. The story held my attention and I liked his dealing with being the new kid. There was drama and concern for his safety when his "Kid card" collection went out of his control. This read is a great testimony to believing in yourself. AWESOME! Gregg Manning

we have really enjoyed this book study. The work is well organized , but still fun. We have created fun art work with the descriptive text!

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