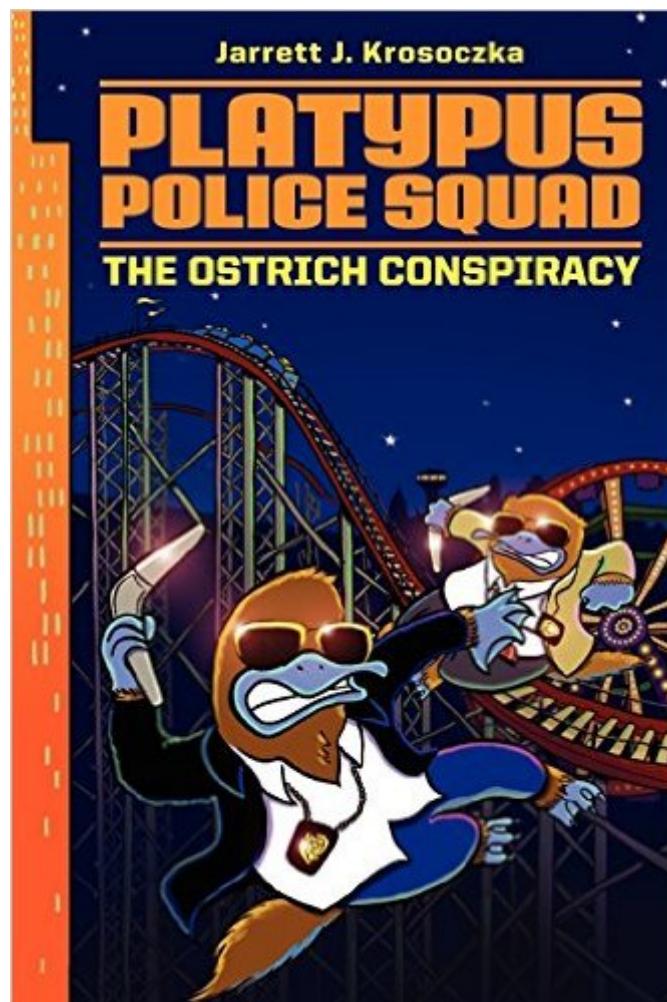


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Platypus Police Squad: The Ostrich Conspiracy



Synopsis

Jarrett J. Krosoczka is back with The Ostrich Conspiracy, the second installment in a fast-paced, action-packed, and hilarious middle-grade series featuring two platypus detectives, perfect for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Big Nate, and Lunch Lady. The opening of the Kalamazoo City Dome—the world's largest indoor amusement complex—has everyone in the city buzzing, especially because it's going to be the shooting site for Chase Mercy's new blockbuster film. But that's when things start to go haywire. Who would want to sabotage the Dome, and why? Detectives Rick Zengo and Corey O'Malley are on the case!

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Customer Reviews

This is the second book in the Platypus Police Squad series, and it has just as much mystery and action as the first. I read both books to my daughter and she loved them. She keeps asking if there is another one. In this installment, Zengo and O'Malley are out to discover who sabotaged the opening night of Kalamazoo City's newest attraction. They follow the clues, have a few action packed chases, and even have some well-timed rescues. These two platypus detectives are a heap of fun to read about. I would recommend this series to kids ages 8-12 that like mysteries, cops, and detective work. These books have great characters, solid writing, and plenty of action to keep kids glued to the page. The illustrations are plentiful and add just the right amount of visual for the age.

group. Content: Clean Source: I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher, which did not affect my review in any way.

I really enjoyed this book, possibly more than the first one. The mysteries on both were solid, and I think that this one had a lot more action â " the end was quite fast-paced and action-packed â " but the first one perhaps had more going for it in terms of characterization. The bottom line is that they are both great books. If you liked the first, youâ ™ll probably like this one. If you arenâ ™t familiar with these series and are looking for action-packed books with humor and a strong plot, you should check them out. Platypus detectives Oâ ™Malley and Zengo are back fighting crime in Kalamazoo City. Zengo has more experience under his belt and is bummed out about still being known as Rookie. Oâ ™Malley is still hard at work at fighting crime and trying to balance work and family. His teenagers feature prominently in this mystery as well, and I love that element. One might assume that the relatively thin books with pictures liberally interspersed with text would be good for early readers, especially those who are fans of Jarrett J. Krosoczkaâ ™s picture books or Lunch Lady series, but these books have advanced vocabulary and pretty intense plots that can easily be appreciated by older middle grade readers as well. That said, these elements also make them perfect for younger readers who are on a more advanced reading level.

I have not read the first book in this series, but after reading this one, Iâ ™m going to pick it up. I love that the characters are animals. I think animal characters leave more room for humor and Mr. Krosoczka takes advantage of that (for example, a walrus owns a contractor company, and chameleon runs a newspaper). The book is hilarious. The story is well written and the plot is solid. There are black and white sketchy illustrations scattered throughout the book that breaks the text up and add to the story. They also make it more funny (if that is possible)! I also like that, in this book series, Mr. Krosoczka doesnâ ™t have guns. The replacement is a boomerang. I think that that is great because, a) boomerangs are cool, and b) it makes the book more appropriate for younger kids.*NOTE I got an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review

These are well written, kind, funny books. There is some intergenerational good natured ribbing, and the characters are just funny. I highly recommend them.

This book is a very funny and comical book that you just can't put down. It also helps that the police squad is all platypuses, my favorite animal.

This book was extremely thrilling with many twists and turns. I definitely would recommend this book to all who enjoy shocking surprises.

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