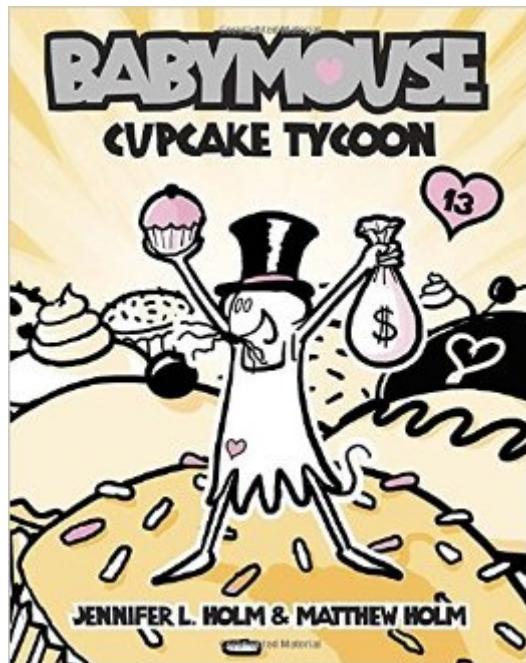


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# Babymouse #13: Cupcake Tycoon



## **Synopsis**

NEW YORK TIMES bestselling and Newbery Honor winning author Jennifer Holm teams up with Matthew Holm to bring you a fully illustrated graphic novel series packed with humor and kid appealâ "BABYMOUSE! Â With multiple Children's Choice awards and over 1.7 million books in print, kids, parents, and teachers agree that Babymouse is perfect for fans of Junie B. Jones, Ivy and Bean, Big Nate, Dork Diaries, and the Ramona chapter books! It's champagne wishes and cupcake dreams for Babymouse! The school library is having a fund-raiser, and Babymouse is determined to raise the most money and WIN the GRAND PRIZE. Or . . . er, to help the school! The competition is fierce, but Babymouse will stop at nothing to get what she wants, even if it means outselling every last kid in school . . . including her nefarious nemesis, Felicia Furrypaws. The claws are out and the race is on in Cupcake Tycoonâ "the absolutely PRICELESS 13th installment of the Babymouse graphic novel series! Here's what people are saying about Babymouse! The Chicago Sun-Times: "Move over, Superman, here comes Babymouse!" Starred Review, The Horn Book: "Nobody puts Babymouse in the corner!" Booklist: "Cute, smart, sassy Babymouse is fun and funny, and this book, like its predecessors, will draw reluctant readers as well as Babymouse fans." The Bulletin: "An almost absurdly likeable heroine."

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

The Babymouse books were ordered for my 10 year old daughter. Other than some manga-style comic series (Kitchen Princess for one) she hasn't been much interested in comics. She really enjoys the saucy/sassy girl power type humor of Babymouse. I would rate them a three but she wanted a five rating because she considers them extra fun because she can color them in like a coloring book too. :)

In this tale, Babymouse, the charming, superpink heroine of Jennifer and Matthew Holm's long-running series (this is the thirteenth Babymouse book), finds herself in a situation that many children will find familiar: Her school is selling cupcakes for a fund-raiser, and Babymouse is determined to sell the most cupcakes and win the grand prize. The bake sale itself is brought on by Babymouse's overactive imagination. Carried away by her interest in a book, she climbed up to the top of the stacks in her school library, and, when she started to fall, grabbed a sprinkler pipe to steady herself. The pipe broke, and the whole library was drenched. The proceeds from the cupcake sale will go to replace the destroyed books. Babymouse dreams big, and she imagines herself selling tons of cupcakes and winning a ridiculously wonderful prize, but the reality is somewhat different--after selling cupcakes to her mother and the narrator, she finds herself thwarted at every turn by a more aggressive classmate who mounts a massive advertising campaign to sell her cupcakes. Babymouse tries a number of strategies, from selling to her family to putting a video on the web, but nothing seems to work. Finally, she comes up with the idea of setting up a corner cupcake stand. This brings a quick stream of customers, but then it starts to rain. Just when all seems lost, a roaming TV crew happens on a bedraggled Babymouse and gives her the opportunity to make her pitch to the world. She remembers why she is selling cupcakes in the first place--because she loves books--and makes an impassioned plea: "I love books!" She makes the evening news, and the cupcake orders come pouring in. Even God takes three. Babymouse wins the contest, but of course the prize is nothing like her grand daydreams. A child who hasn't read graphic novels before may need a bit of guidance with this book. It shifts back and forth between fantasy and reality, and the unseen narrator carries on a dialogue with Babymouse. It's also a little odd that Babymouse is male in so many of the daydream sequences--the book opens with her imagining herself as a wealthy lord. It may be helpful to point out that the fantasy sequences are marked with black borders and the narrator always speaks in rectangular text boxes--a bit of comics iconography that may be unfamiliar to new readers. While the narrative takes numerous side trips into Babymouse's daydreams, the plot is quite straightforward, and the artwork is simple and easy

to read. The use of very bold lines for the most important elements and finer lines for backgrounds and less important details is a particularly nice touch. With its verbal wit, sly asides, and good humor, Babymouse can be enjoyed by both younger and more sophisticated readers.-- Brigid Alverson

Babymouse is the best! So funny. Interest level up to 5th grade but DRA range in 2nd grade. Good for struggling readers with the comic style. Very funny! Bought a bunch for my class library and these are also a high check out rate at our school library! You just may enjoy reading this with your child.

Our plucky little cupcake-loving mouse heroine tries to save the day by marketing her most favorite treat ever to help rebuild the school library that she had innocently destroyed with one of her crazy fantasy escapades. And she has to beat her worst rival, Felicia Furrypaws at the big fundraising game, too. On one hand, Babymouse is so imaginative she can even see herself as a male character in some of her fantasies (like a fedora-donning adventurer, a powerful businessman, and even a Greek king with a real beard) as well as a delicate little princess dressed completely in pink. But on other hand, perhaps Babymouse feels empowered only as a "male" but helpless as a "female" (i.e. being locked up as a princess to spin straw into gold, for instance.) Just to point that out, of course. Otherwise, this amusing little graphic novel is peppered with speedy drawings done in very few washes of Babymouse's favorite color, a whole cast of whimsical anthropomorphic characters who either support or try to trip up the young heroine, and some clever elements to move along the story, like a chatty narrator offering to buy cupcakes from the unhappy character. Kids, especially preteen girls, will be tickled pink by Babymouse's silly little adventures, maybe pun intended. ;)

My girls, and some boys, love this series. If you have kids who love Diary of a Wimpy Kid but struggle to read it, this series will be great for them.

Another winning entry in this adorable series about cupcake-loving Babymouse and her nemesis, Felicia Furrypaws. When their school announces a cupcake bake sale to raise money for the library that Babymouse destroyed (oops!), Babymouse tries everything she can think of to sell more baked goods, to no avail, until...well, you'll have to read the book to find out. There's the trusty references to other stories, gentle nudging by the narrator, and the adorable Babymouse. In the hands of

author Jennifer L. Holm and illustrator Matthew Holm, Babymouse is a mouse kids and adults want to root for, even when she grumbles and whines. Plus they've already established Babymouse's love of cupcakes, so this is a great combination (you don't have to have read any of the other Babymouse books to adore this one, trust me).

Another fun BabyMouse book. If you have a reluctant reader, this is the book to buy. My daughter has the whole series and still reads/wants them.

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