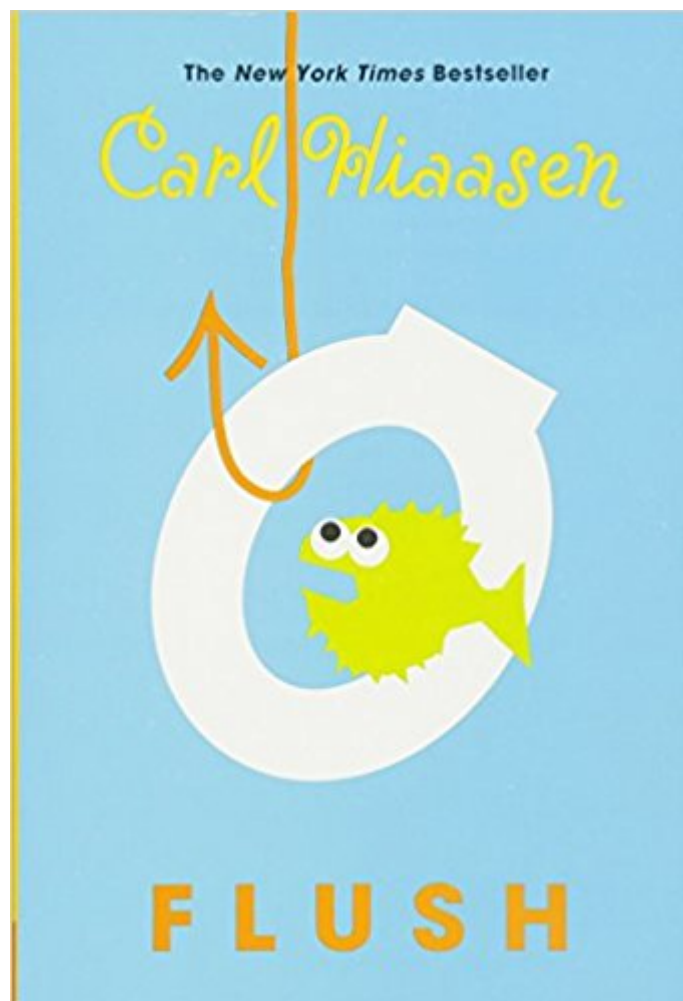


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# Flush



## Synopsis

Take a romp in the swamp with this New York Times bestselling mystery adventure set in the Florida Keys from Newbery Honoree Carl Hiaasen! Noah's dad is sure that the owner of the Coral Queen casino boat is flushing raw sewage into the harbor—which has made taking a dip at the local beach like swimming in a toilet. He can't prove it though, and so he decides that sinking the boat will make an effective statement. Right. The boat is pumped out and back in business within days and Noah's dad is in the local lock-up. Now Noah is determined to succeed where his dad failed. He will prove that the Coral Queen is dumping illegally . . . somehow. "The writing is pitch perfect." The New York Times "A royal flush." Chicago Sun-Times "Classic Hiaasen laugh-out-loud satire in a Florida setting." Life From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5-8 Noah and his sister, Abbey, are more understanding of their volatile dad's latest arrest than their mother, who begins talking of divorce. Dad sank the Coral Queen, a casino boat on a Florida Key because, he alleges, its owner, Dusty Muleman, has been illegally dumping raw sewage into the local waters. Soon enough the kids begin trying to gather proof that will

vindicate their father and put the casino out of business. The colorful cast includes a drunken lout named Lice who disappears before he can be persuaded to testify against Dusty, his former boss. His rough-around-the-edges girlfriend, Shelly, comes through, though, helping the siblings dump dye in the boat's holding tanks, which finally brings the matter to court. Dusty's son, Jasper, is a chip off the old block, threatening and beating Noah on several occasions until he and, later, Abbey are rescued by a mysterious stranger who turns out to be their grandfather, long ago thought to have died in South America, probably while involved in drug smuggling. As the tale ends, he's back to Colombia to settle old scores. The plot would practically disappear if any one of the major characters had a cell phone, but the environmental story is front and center and readers will be hooked as the good guys try to do the right thing. This quick-reading, fun, family adventure harkens back to the Hardy Boys in its simplicity and quirky characters. --Joel Shoemaker, Southeast Junior High School, Iowa City, IA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 5-8. Hiaasen's second novel exhibits some of the same elements found in his 2003 Newbery Honor Book: Florida local color, oddball adults (buxom and brawny), and a delightful quiriness. But the sparkle that catapulted Hoot into the limelight isn't quite as brilliant here. Even so, there's plenty to like in this yarn, which, once again, drops an environmental issue into the lap of a kid. Righteous indignation, usually resulting from some sabotage of Florida's natural resources, has gotten Noah Underwood's dad in trouble before. This time, however, Dad's gone too far: he sunk a floating casino. Why? Its owner is dumping human waste in the water. Unfortunately, Dad can't prove it, and that's where Noah and his younger sister, Abbey, come in. The amateur sleuthing puts the sibs into some mildly suspenseful, occasionally amusing, situations, which, as in the previous book, share space with run-ins with a local bully (Noah takes some lumps but gets sweet revenge). An old-fashioned deus ex machina interrupts an otherwise believable setup, but Hiaasen still succeeds at relating an entertaining story while getting across a serious message about conservation and the results of just plain greed. Stephanie Zvirin Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a kid's book- and as an adult I LOVED it. I am a Carl Hiaasen fan, and love that a book like this can also inspire kids toward environmental awareness and possibly activism. I initially thought the concept was a bit far fetched - a gambling boat operation flushing raw sewage into the river upon which it sat. Who dies that in 2015? Hasn't this sort of low life crime been eliminated?

Apparently not, and I was shocked to read a real world case 2 weeks after finishing the book. The Anchorage Daily News had an article about a floating strip club off Kodiak island in Alaska piping raw sewage from the "Wild Alaskan" directly into the harbor and lying to the Coast Guard about it. Darren Byler, general manager of Alaska Leader Tours and owner of the floating strip club Wild Alaskan on, Dec. 1, 2014. Byler and his wife are accused of piping waste from bathrooms on the Wild Alaskan directly into the Kodiak harbor, then lying about it to investigators with the U.S. Coast Guard. This was the EXACT same scenario in this children's book! The more I read Hiaasen, the more I realize that many elements of his plots, although containing exaggerated characters for entertainment, seem to be based upon plausible scenarios.

From the first page Hiaasen whets your appetite with suspense. Will the uncaring bullies running a polluting boat and their bullying kids win? Is there any justice for whistleblowers? Characters who have near fatal flaws who pull through difficult circumstances, and surprise with their resilience and character. Millennial kids meet burnt out opportunists, making for a battle between who see and live with the beauty of marine and aviary life, and those who would sell it all for a fast buck and a quick k drink to null the pain of moral vicissitudes. That kids keep us cheering and a beautiful ocean and bay inspire every page. Sheer enjoyment.

This is my first experience with Carl Hiaasen books for young readers (I did read Skinny Dip, adult book, and chuckled all the way through it). Thank you Thank you Thank you to the writer... finally a book that addresses current events, ethics and morality that can be enjoyed by both boys and girls! My grandson and I are enjoying our own book club - reading the same books and racing to the finish. I hope to have the same experience with the other Hiaasen young reader books... this was a good one!

This book appears to be aimed at the "tween" and early teen reader. As such, it wasn't as enjoyable as many of the author's other books.

A huge fan of Carl Hiaasen novels from his first novel to the present, his YA novels are filled with hysterical mystery adventures and this one does not disappoint. When Noah has to visit his dad on Father's Day in the local jail for sinking a casino boat that he knows is illegally dumping raw sewage in the harbor which then affects the swimming areas on the local beach where kids swim, Noah gathers some unlikely allies to prove his father is right. Some of Hiaasen's really colorful characters

join Noah in his plan to flush the crooked casino boat owner out which includes his sister Abbey, an unreformed childhood biter, Shelly who is a bartender and woman scorned, and a mysterious pirate who is a surprise ending. Fast paced and full of antics that will have you chuckling as you read, I highly recommend this novel to "kids" of all ages. I also highly recommend his novel Scat and take a trip with a group of kids who help to save a baby Florida panther.

Very amazing book full if mystery. One of my favorite books. Size of the book is maybe a bit small but otherwise it is a very nice book. So if you liked Carl Hiaasen's other books you will love this one!!!!

This a great book that I read to my 10 year old son and 7 year old daughter. I have read many of his books before and am glad that I am able to share the joy of reading Carl Hiaasen with my children. I have read three of his books to them now. Flush [ASIN:0440419395 Hoot and Scat] The children enjoyed all three and were on the edge of their seats/beds for each one. The had seen the movie Hoot [ASIN:B000GB5MH4 Hoot] prior to my reading the book and really enjoyed that. The best thing I liked about flush was the idea of environmental awareness that it starts to bring to the children thru the stories. In the case of FLUSH it was about the pollution of our bays and waterways for cheap profits. So just like some of his adult books like Stormy Weather and Tourist Season the author tries to bring home environmental issues that are set in Florida. Great books to read to/with your children. I am saving them for when they want to read them on their own. So even though my kids enjoy Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever and Judy Moody books The Judy Moody Star-Studded Collection: Books 1-3 they also like something that is fun and also has a storyline that has added value.

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