

Buzzeo, Toni. *Fire Up With Reading!*. Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin: UpstartBooks, 2007. 32 p. \$17.95. (ISBN: 978-1-60213-019-7)

In the follow up to 2006's *Our Librarian Won't Tell Us Anything*, Toni Buzzeo returns with her second Mrs. Skorupski story entitled *Fire Up With Reading!* This time around, Mrs. Skorupski, the school librarian, gets her students excited about reading through a reading program appropriately called Fire Up with Reading. The top reader in each grade will earn the right to wear the dragon costume in the Read Across America Day parade. This prompts a race between the two best fourth grade readers: Patty Lee and Carmen Rosa Peña. Both girls devour books, read-alouds, and audio books in the race to be top reader. Mrs. Skorupski cheers the kids on and helps them explore other avenues of reading as the entire school gets fired up with reading. With this second tale of Mrs. Skorupski, Buzzeo continues with an inspiring story about the relationship between children and their school librarian and the impact they can have on one another.

While it is refreshing to see a story about inspiring the excitement of reading in children, this book is written more for teachers and librarians. It feels like it is written from one librarian to another, which it is. Buzzeo is a former School Media Specialist, and Mrs. Skorupski is her fictional alter ego. Fire Up with Reading is a program she instituted with great success at her school.

Despite the picture book format, the subject matter is really more appropriate for 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The bright and colorful Sachiko Yoshikawa illustrations would entice a younger audience, but the story line would not keep their attention.

More than a story for children, *Fire Up With Reading!* reads like a reminder of why we as professionals do what we do and provides reassurance that our work is valued.

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