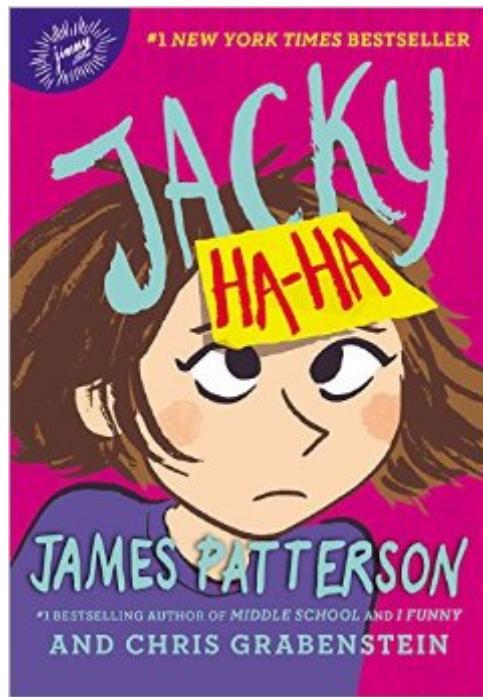


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# Jacky Ha-Ha



## **Synopsis**

In his new middle grade novel that debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list, James Patterson introduces his hilarious new heroine, Jacky Ha-Ha, a class clown who makes people laugh with her so they can't laugh at her. With her irresistible urge to tell a joke in every situation--even when she really, really shouldn't--twelve-year-old Jacky Ha-Ha loves to make people laugh. And cracking wise helps distract her from thinking about not-so-funny things in her life, like her mom serving in a dangerous, faraway war, and a dad who's hardly ever home. But no matter how much fun Jacky has, she can't seem to escape her worries. So one starlit night, she makes a promise to keep her family together...even if she has to give up the one thing that makes her happy. But can she stop being Jacky Ha-Ha, if that's who she really is?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Winner, winner, chicken dinner! Mr. Patterson has been a long time favorite of mine, but with joy I can say he has now crossed over as a favorite author in this household to my 10 yr old daughter and 9 yr old son. As an already committed fan, I purchased this book with enthusiasm for my own Jackie. I was sure the title and the relatable home state of NJ would engage her. Well, that was an understatement. We received the book on a Sunday and by Tuesday my daughter was (without persuasion) 27 chapters deep into the book! As a mom that encourages reading constantly to keep

up with the rigid new demands of school required book logs, seeing her reading so enthusiastically, made me so PROUD! Happy to say that her eagerness and excitement about the book caught on with her curious younger brother. During our normal bedtime reading routine, he was just as engaged as she read out loud. Neither of the 2 wanted the reading to end. I must admit Jacky is a very likable character and Mr. Patterson's reading style had me captivated too, especially as Jacky and her best friend Meredith stroll the Seaside Heights boardwalk and describe some of my favorite foods. yummmmmFunny, relatable, modern, descriptive, heart felt, Jacky Ha-Ha is all of that and then some. Give your young reader the wonderful opportunity to discover what is underneath the surface of Jacky's clownish ways. I truly believe it will be an enjoyable, page turning adventure.

The night I bought this book for my daughter, I just happened to pick it up for a quick read. I was so disappointed with the book. I felt that I should prepare my 11 year old daughter for some of the subject matter and let her decide if she wanted to read the book. Jacky Ha-Ha is a young girl struggling with an array of issues. One specific issue caught my attention... she suspects that her father is having an affair while her mother is away at war. Jacky confronts her father, and while she is very clear about her suspicions, his response is short, rude, vague, and dismissive. The girl is left doubting, and watching her father take off for unexplained periods of time with his beautiful female coworker (a lifeguard). At the end of the book, the mother informs the daughter that it was OK that her father was spending time with this other woman because she and the mother have been long-time friends. He was receiving tutoring lessons to be a police officer from this lifeguard, and his time spent away from his children was for their benefit. The mother then told Jacky that she owed her father an apology. What?! Maybe the father should have communicated with his daughter about his tutoring sessions with his fellow beautiful lifeguard?? Very strange. I cringe every time I see this book marketed on the Disney Channel.

I got this for my 10 year old niece who initially thought it would be boring because the story takes place during the time I grew up (1990s), but once she finished it, she told me the entire story from beginning to end with such enthusiasm that told me she loved it. I liked that she got a glimpse of the good ol' days that me, my brother and his wife keep talking about. ;)

I enjoyed the book very much. I had purchased the book for my niece who will be 10 next month. However I believe it will be better and more help to her understanding for the material at 12. Good reading materials for parents of pretend and how they see and interpret parents lives.

This is a great book for a 6th grader who enjoys reading and is transitioning to fewer pictures and more words. It's funny with some serious plot, and the heroine is admirable. The print is large enough to encourage young readers, too. We love Patterson's books for tweens!

Excellent plot & character development ! Entertainment for adults (young & old). Valuable messages about being human --- we all make mistakes, have fears , and the ability to forgive others & ourselves. Loved the family bonds. I was inextricably drawn into their family circle & cared for each member of this family --- even Sandfleas, their dog ^•

I am using this book as a read aloud with my third and fourth graders. When I first bought the book and started reading it myself, I could effortlessly imagine reading this aloud in a Jacky type voice, to my class. They are deeply engrossed in the story and have willingly given up snack as a social time to have a listening to the story snack. Thank you for a wonderful book that has many lessons to teach to children and adults of all ages.

My kid loved it! He has loved all of these series, as well as the I, funny series. Keep em coming, Mr. Patterson!

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