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# Kid Sheriff And The Terrible Toads



## Synopsis

Drywater Gulch has a toad problem. Not the hop-down-your-britches, croaking-all-night toad kind of problem. The thievin', hootin' and hollerin', steal-your-gold never-say-thank-you outlaw toad kind of problem. Then hope rides into town. Sheriff Ryan might only be seven years old, and he might not know much about shooting and roping. But he knows a lot about dinosaurs. Yes, dinosaurs. And it turns out that knowing a thing or two about paleontology can come in handy when it comes to hoodwinking and rounding up a few no-good bandits. From Bob Shea and Lane Smith comes this hilarious picture book, *Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads*. This title has Common Core connections.

## Book Information

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“Shea’s broad parody of matinee Westerns is a readaloud delight . . . This is, without question, the best dinosaur book with no dino-saurs in it.” —BCCB, STARRED REVIEW  
“Smith’s over-the-top goofy townspeople are a perfect partner for Shea’s stylistic shenanigans.” —The Horn Book  
“A crowd-pleasin’ knee-slapper that’ll have ‘em rolling in the aisles, yessirree.” —Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW  
“Shea’s humor is spot-on in Sherriff Ryan’s unwavering logic . . . and Smith’s

illustrations match the deadpan silliness to a tee . . . Another stellar job by Shea and Smith. —*School Library Journal*, STARRED REVIEW  
“Shea and Smith, the duo behind *Big Plans*, deliver a western yarn that’s long on cowboy slang and longer on screwball comedy. —*Publishers Weekly*

Bob Shea has written and illustrated more than a dozen picture books, including *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime*, and is the author of *Big Plans*, illustrated by Lane Smith. His writing career began at Comedy Central, and his characters and animations have appeared on Nick Jr., Playhouse Disney, and PBS Kids. Lane Smith is a four-time recipient of the New York Times Best Illustrated Book award and a two-time Caldecott Honor recipient, most recently for *Grandpa Green*. He is the author and illustrator of *Abe Lincoln’s Dream* and *It’s a Book*, which has been translated into over twenty languages, among many other books.

“*Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads* is a rootin’-tootin’ fun-filled book that is a delightful read aloud choice. Bob Shea has given readers a quick-witted hero, Ryan — albeit one who rides into town on his trusty tortoise and seems to be more a paleontologist than he is a sheriff. In the end, Ryan staunches the wave of crime that has descended on Drywater Gulch and locks up the nefarious Toad Brothers. Declining the offer of a job as town paleontologist since he is a lawman, he rides his trusty tortoise off into the sunset. The text of *Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads* incorporates the syntax and vernacular associated with cowboys and the “Old West. Parents or grandparents reading this book aloud should be prepared to step into character and embrace the dialog. This book will delight young listeners and amuse adult readers. Lane Smith’s illustrations are cartoon-like; they will appeal to the target audience. Adults will appreciate the subdued colors and the subtle details he incorporates into each drawing. If you are looking for a fun and fun-to read aloud book, you will definitely want to consider *Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads*.

It’s a funny book. Clever hero tricks mean villains. My 6yo reads it out loud and I have to laugh. The grammar is “ol’ West cowboy style” construction, so if you are teaching ELL this is not the book for you.

My 4 and 2 year old girls and I adore this book. While I know that my girls don’t understand some of

the humor, they enjoy that I read it with a southern drawl and that I chuckle. They like that I like reading it to them and honestly, that's enough for them. One day they will understand the sarcasm and jokes, but for now, we just enjoy spending the time reading a funny book where mama talks silly. Books, especially children's books, don't always have to teach a lesson or inspire some sort of greatness. Books can simply be time spent together.

This is by far the best children's book we've found in a long time. It's got plenty of humor to keep the adults happy but enough excitement that the kids want to read it over and over, plus dinosaurs! Bob Shea is by far our favorite children's author but this book takes his already funny style to the next level. Highly recommended!!

This book is wonderful. It creates such a wonderful world and truly funny for all experience for the children and the older reader. Somehow you inherent the cowboy lingo. The low rating is because the book had a large smudge on a page. Given the price, I was disappointed especially since I didn't open till it was given as a gift and past the return date. Very disappointed with this policy.

Outstanding! Engaging illustrations and well-written with a Mark Twain-inspired message. One my favorites in a long time for reading with grandkids.

Hilarious! The first time I read this I laughed 'till I cried, and then I begged my son to let me read it to him again! I laugh-cried again the second time as well. I was completely unprepared for the dry humor and clever writing.

This is the cutest book! It's so funny and definitely kept my grandson engaged! It's a little hard to read but I think with practice I might get it down!

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