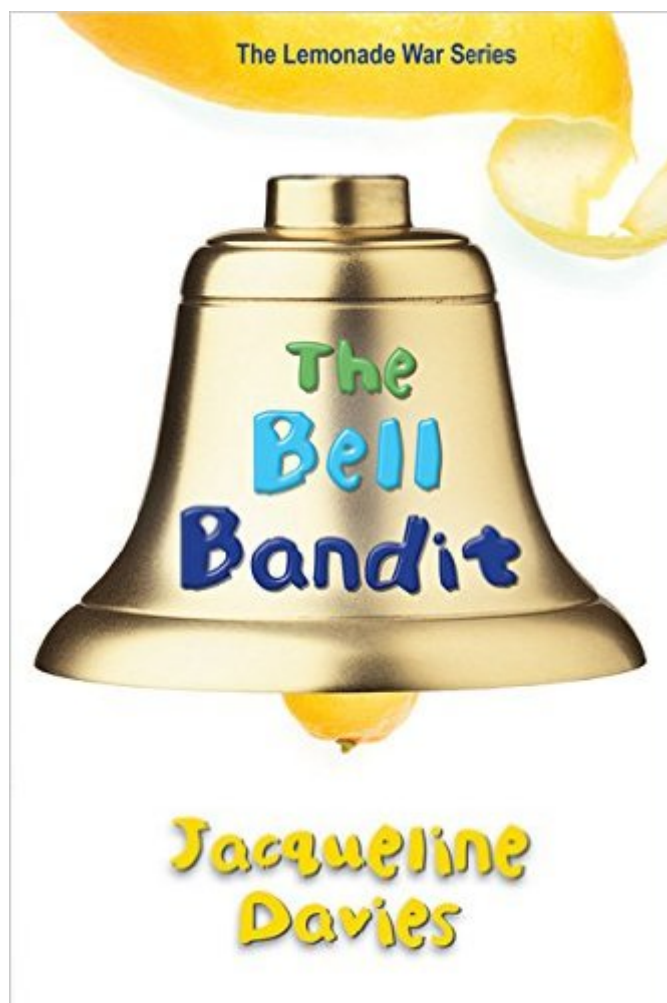


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# The Bell Bandit (The Lemonade War Series)



## Synopsis

The third installment of the popular *Lemonade War* series finds siblings Evan and Jessie Treski at their grandmother's Vermont house for the holidays, solving another mystery. This one involves figuring out who stole a cherished bell the whole neighborhood gathers around to ring in the new year. Evan and Jessie also come to grips with unsettling changes in their grandmother's behavior. Once again, Ms. Davies reveals how good she is at understanding the complex emotions of children age nine to twelve years old.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

There were many aspects of Jacqueline Davies' "The Bell Bandit" that I liked. Siblings Jessie and Evan Treski are caring, intelligent children. They are hard-working, helpful, and empathize with others. Jessie is accepting of her grandmother's young neighbor, Maxwell, and his friendship with her grandmother. Davies does an outstanding job of capturing the children's personalities and their reactions to various situations. The references in "The Bell Bandit" to the vintage television series "Get Smart" are a fun tip of the hat to adults who may be reading this book to someone or may be having the book read to them. Davies does a good job of developing the story and of tying the

various elements together for a satisfying conclusion. The story touches on several areas needing further development as each may be encountered by a child through contact with someone in their own life. It becomes evident fairly quickly that the elder Mrs. Teski is suffering from some type of Alzheimers-like problem. She has nearly burned down her home because she forgot about a tea kettle heating on her stove; she does not recognize her grandchildren; and she seems to become confused easily. A simple explanation to Evan and Jessie by their mother about the elder Mrs. Teski's memory loss would have been appropriate. Maxwell seems to be an "outcast;" later explanation by his mother to Jessie hints at his potentially having Aspergers. This would have been an excellent opportunity to foster greater understanding of both conditions. There is one scenario, however, that should have been omitted since "The Bell Bandit" is geared toward the 9 to 12 year age group.

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