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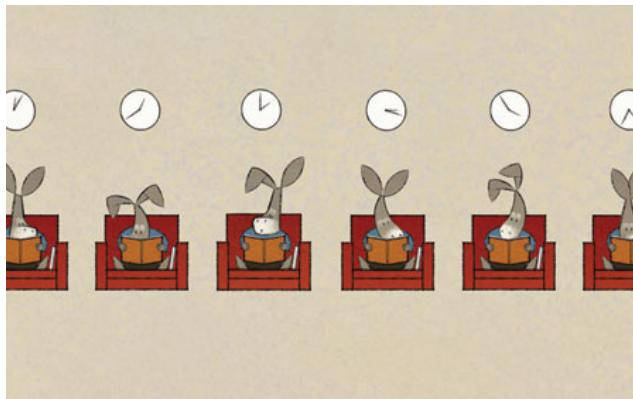
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How do you scroll down?

Does it need a password?



Shh... I'm reading

I'll charge it up when I'm done

From School Library Journal

Gr 3-5-Smith jump-starts the action on the title page where readers meet the characters—a mouse, a jackass, and a monkey. The monkey's oval head creates an “o” in the word “book.” Slapstick humor ensues in an armchair face-off when one character, reared on a diet of Web 2.0 and gaming, cannot fathom what to do with a book and slings a barrage of annoying questions, “Can you blog with it? How do you scroll down? Can you make the characters fight?” Readers know who is speaking by each animal's unique font type and color, achieving economy and elegance on each page. Exasperated, Monkey hands over the volume. Life, death, and madness, all in a single illustrated page of Treasure Island, draw Jackass in. He responds with a knee-jerk reaction (“too many letters”) and hilariously reduces it to text speak, but his interest is piqued. He

covets the book and readers watch him pore over it for hours. Repeated images of him transfixed, shifting left to right, up and down, ears upright, then splayed, and eyes wide open, fill a wordless spread and offer a priceless visual testimony to the focused interaction between readers' imaginations and a narrative. Mouse delivers the final punch line, which will lead to a fit of naughty but well-deserved laughter, and shouts of "Encore." A clever choice for readers, young and old, who love a good joke and admire the picture book's ability to embody in 32 stills the action of the cinema.*Sara Lissa Paulson, American Sign Language and English Lower School PS 347, New York City*

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From [Booklist](#)

Smith throws down his gauntlet in the ongoing debate over digital versus print in this spare offering. A donkey (jackass) with a laptop and a monkey with a hardcover book discuss the merits of their preferred formats. "How do you scroll down?" the donkey asks. "Do you blog with it?" "Can you make the characters fight?" To each question, the monkey offers an answer that riffs on this small, square picture book's title. At one point, the monkey shoves a page into his companion's hands, showing a story about a pirate. "Too many words," the donkey responds, and he quickly transcribes the story as "LJS: rrr! K? lol! / JIM: :(! :)". Unimpressed, the monkey continues to build his case until his big-eared mate converts to print so enthusiastically that he vows to keep reading. Although it is adults, not children, who will best appreciate the subject and satire here, the basic drama created by the characters' arguments may help this find an audience among kids, especially tech-savvy ones. Grades 1-3. --Andrew Medlar

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