

The Worst Class Trip Ever

By Dave Barry

Annotation

- This hilarious novel told by well-known author Dave Barry, relates the story of Wyatt Palmer and his classmates who are on a trip to Washington D.C. When Wyatt's friend Matt suspects two passengers on their plane are possible terrorists, they find themselves in a much bigger adventure than they had thought.

Book Talk

- How many of you have ever attended an overnight field trip? In *The Worst Class Trip Ever* Wyatt Palmer, his best friend Matt, and his classmates, find themselves in a world of trouble. As Wyatt and his class fly from Miami to Washington D.C. for a field trip, Matt suspects two passengers on the plane are possible terrorists and is determined to stop them. As soon as Wyatt and his class arrive in Washington D.C., their adventure begins working to stop the terrorists and save the President.

Book Trailers

- None yet. Stay tuned!

Author on the Internet

- Website: <http://davebarry.com/>

Items to use in a library display

- Kites, any Washington DC landmarks/monuments, airplane, school bus/tour bus

Food

- Cheez Its, sandwich, chips, chicken, fish, meat loaf, scrambled eggs, pizza, Skittles

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- Wyatt and his friends make the decision to help their friend Matt when he is taken by the men they suspect to be terrorists. What would you have done if you were in this situation?
- Wyatt, Matt, and other classmates deceive their teachers and other adults to pursue the characters they suspect to be terrorists. Do you think their dishonesty is justified? Why or why not?
- The characters in this story are able to use current technology to help solve the mystery of the suspected terrorists. How would their adventure have turned out differently if these technologies did not exist?

First Line of the Book:

- "None of this stuff would have happened if I hadn't been sitting next to Matthew Diaz."

Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)

- *Washington, D.C.* by Deborah Kent
- *Cherry Blossoms: The Official Book of the National Cherry Blossom Festival* by Ann McClellan

What to Read Next

- *Melonhead* by Katy Kelly
- *Ms. Krup Cracks Me Up!* by Dan Gutman
- *How to Survive Middle School* by Donna Gephart
- *Capture the Flag* by Kate Messner

Other Books by this Author:

- *The Worst Night Ever* (Follow-up title)
- *The Bridge to Neverland*
- *Peter and the Starcatchers*

Additional Resources

- A Garbage Bag Kite: <http://www.instructables.com/id/A-Garbage-Bag-Kite/>
- Interview with the author: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7nYaL_XXvk
(please preview video)
- "D.C.'s Blossom Kite Festival": <http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/>
- Washington D.C. Monuments & Memorials:
<http://washington.org/washington-dc-monuments-memorials>
- White House Tunnel System: <https://whitehouse.gov1.info/tunnel/>