



## The Bad Guys

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**Lexile:**250 **AR Level:** 2.4

**Awards:** Winner Children's Book of the Year 2016  
INDIE Awards - Australian Independent Booksellers Winner  
Best Designed Children's/Young Adult Series Australian Book Design Awards

**Author website:** <http://www.aaronblabeybooks.com>

**Book Trailer/Author interview:** Book Trailer - (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peZA-aFxMQU>)

Author Interview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A96LgC0gLSY>

**Other Websites/links:** [www.scholastic.com/thebadguys](http://www.scholastic.com/thebadguys) to play games, take quizzes, and learn more!

**Food:** Cupcakes

**Eraser:** <http://www.orientaltrading.com/hungry-creatures-pencil-toppers-a2-13641847.fltr>

**Nonfiction Title:**

Zahares, Wade, Big, bad, and a little bit scary : poems that bite back!

Arnold, Tedd, Fly Guy presents : sharks

Llewellyn, Claire, Extreme hunters

**Introduction:** They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys... and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all of that... Mr. Wolf has a daring plan for the Bad Guys' first good mission. They are going to break two hundred dogs out of the Maximum Security City Dog Pound. Will Operation Dog Pound go smoothly? Will the Bad Guys become the Good Guys? And will Mr. Snake please stop swallowing Mr. Piranha?!

**Story time Activities:**

Scholastic has a teacher guide for the book:

[http://resource.scholastic.com.au/resourcefiles/8375915\\_31376.pdf](http://resource.scholastic.com.au/resourcefiles/8375915_31376.pdf)

Have students select their favorite character from the book and create an origami animal.

<http://www.origami-resource-center.com/origami-animals.html>

Have students write and perform their own versions of Villain stories similar to *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Scieszka, Jon

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What would you do if one of these “Bad Guys” tried to rescue you?
2. Who was in Mr. Wolf’s gang?
3. What was the first rescue they attempt?
4. What does Mr. Wolf keep offering the other “Bad Guys” to eat?
5. How much horsepower does Mr. Wolf’s car have?

**Answers:**

2. The gang members are Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, and Mr. Shark. (found on pages 1, 19, 28, and 33.)
3. They first attempt to rescue the kitty from the tree. (found on pages 72-91)
4. Mr. Wolf keeps offering the other gang members cupcakes. (found on pages 25 & 30)
5. Mr. Wolf’s car has 200 Horsepower. (found on page 64.)