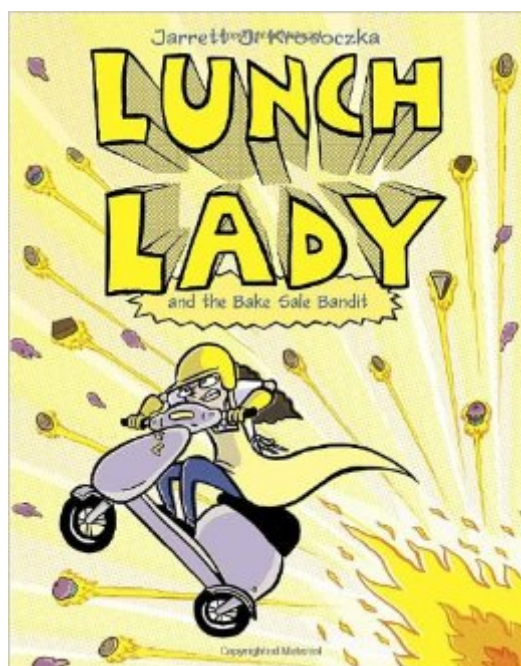


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Lunch Lady And The Bake Sale Bandit (Lunch Lady, Book 5)



Synopsis

The Breakfast Bunch is excited for the upcoming bake sale "and the best part is that it's raising money for an awesome field trip." But when all the snacks go missing, it's no laughing matter. Someone is sabotaging the bake sale. But why? Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch are hot on the trail . . . one brownie crumb at a time.

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Customer Reviews

The plot of this fifth volume of Jarrett Kroszka's Lunch Lady series is all in the title: Someone has stolen the goodies from the school bake sale, and it's up to Lunch Lady and her sidekick/helper, Betty, to solve the crime, with a bit of help from the three kids known as the Breakfast Bunch. The story starts out with the Breakfast Bunch escaping the rain by taking the school bus, where they make the acquaintance of Brenda, the meanest bus driver ever. Brenda hates kids because they are noisy and mess up her bus, and she greets everyone except the principal with a snarl. The bunch next run afoul of Orson, a student safety officer who is a bit too big for his britches. Defying his barked orders, they deliver their baked goods to the cafeteria for the sale before heading to health class, where their teacher delivers a harangue on the evils of sugary foods. And then disaster strikes: While Lunch Lady and Betty are outside, handling a delivery of taco shells, the power goes

out, and when the lights go on again, the bake sale goodies have disappeared. Part of the charm of these books is that Lunch Lady is the school cafeteria's answer to Maxwell Smart, armed with all sorts of food-related spy gadgets: A spork cell phone, a cookie camera, and so forth. Unfortunately, the more sophisticated gadgets, such as the banana boomerang, the fish-stick nunchucks, and the taco night-vision goggles are missing from this story. Instead, Lunch Lady uses a more conventional surveillance system and motorbike to track down the culprit. There's a lot to like about the Lunch Lady stories: The Lunch Lady and Betty are funny and larger than life, the plots are a good mix of mystery and action, and the characters reflect a kid's-eye view of school.

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