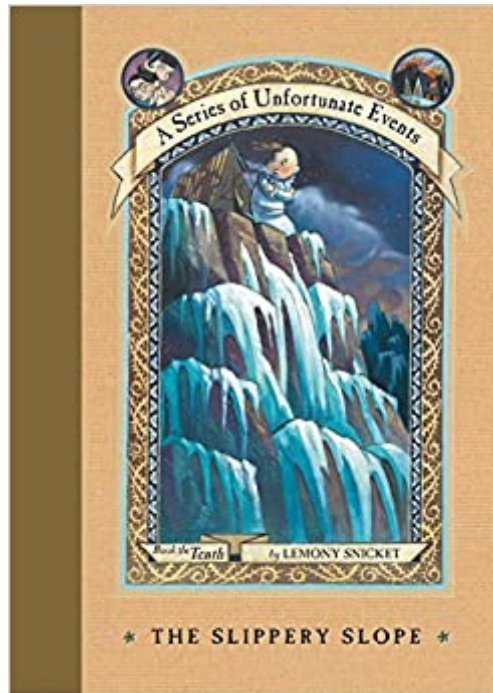




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The Slippery Slope (A Series Of Unfortunate Events, Book 10)



Synopsis

NOW A NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES Like bad smells, uninvited weekend guests or very old eggs, there are some things that ought to be avoided. Snicket's saga about the charming, intelligent, and grossly unlucky Baudelaire orphans continues to alarm its distressed and suspicious fans the world over. The tenth book in this outrageous publishing effort features more than the usual dose of distressing details, such as snow gnats, an organised troupe of youngsters, an evil villain with a dastardly plan, a secret headquarters and some dangerous antics you should not try at home. With the weather turning colder, this is one chilling book you would be better off without.

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Customer Reviews

What would you do if you found yourself trapped in a runaway caravan hurtling down a precipitous mountain slope? Fourteen-year-old Violet, the oldest orphan of the three Baudelaires, decides to try to slow the velocity of the caravan with a drag-chute invention involving a viscous combination of blackstrap molasses, maple syrup, maraschino liqueur, peanut butter, etc. If plummeting to their death weren't scary enough, Violet and her brother Klaus have been separated from Sunny, their baby sister who is in a car headed in the opposite direction up the mountain with the "facinorous"

Count Olaf, his "villainous and stylish" girlfriend Esmeralda Squalor, and their creepy sidekicks. Do Violet and Klaus find Sunny on the mountain? How will they survive the treacherous, snow-covered peaks with not much more than a ukulele and a bread knife, especially in the face of the "organized, ill-tempered" snow gnats? Will they finally unearth the mystery of the V.F.D.? Will they find out if one of their parents is alive after all? The suspense! As ever, the Baudelaires' unfolding tale of woe is sprinkled with Lemony Snicket's ridiculous, hilarious observations such as "Fate is like a strange, unpopular restaurant with odd waiters who bring you things you never asked for and don't always like." The tenth book in The Series of Unfortunate Events takes readers through the Mortmain Mountains to the churning waters of the Stricken Stream with all the coexistent horror and silliness a Snicket fan could hope for along the way. (Ages 9 and older) --Karin Snelson

Gr. 3-5. It's clear throughout that Snicket hasn't lost his sense of the absurd or his momentum in this "Book the Tenth." As in previous episodes, the adventures of the Baudelaire sibs spin out with the zest and cliff-hanger dramatics of old-fashioned serials. Left hurtling down a mountain at the close of *The Carnivorous Carnival* (2002), Klaus and Violet concentrate here on saving themselves; rescuing baby Sunny, who is once more in the clutches of the evil Count Olaf; and continuing their campaign to put a stop to Olaf's evil doings once and for all. Of course, they have their work cut out for them, but with a surprising ally, they stumble through the usual assortment of clues and secret messages that actually seem to get them one step closer to their ultimate goal. Characters are true to form, ridiculous and fun, and, once again, the wry telling is pitch-perfect, with plenty of the joyful wordplay and the quirky imaginative touches Snicket's legions of fans expect. Stephanie Zvirin

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After a lull with the previous few books, Lemony Snicket is back to his finest with this tenth installment! It is exciting to see the Baudelaire girls maturing and experience firsts. Helquist's illustrations do a fine job of showing our three favorite orphans taller and stronger as they face frightening frenemies and fiascos. I'm one of the many adults who enjoy this Series of Unfortunate Events and, even with a busy schedule, I squeezed in an hour here and there as much as I possibly could -- because I was captivated by the intrigue occurring on the Slippery Slope. I highly recommend the entire Series and especially this hilarious *Book the Tenth*. Lemony can always make me smile, and there's nobody like him on the contemporary literary scene; nobody pushing the bounds of literary nonsense within contemporary society. Thanks + huzzah!

The Slippery Slope (A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 10) We bought the Audio CD. We listened to 1 thru 8 but missed #9 for some reason. As we got started on this one which is #10 we realize we've missed a bit but decide to listen anyway. In this one we get more of an inside view of the evil Count Olaf and his band of misfits because the youngest Beaudolaire has been kidnapped by Olaf. He makes the baby cook and clean for the group and they all make fun of her because she can't do anything very well, not even speak in a way they can understand. Spoiler alert: we discover there are some people even more evil than Olaf. More arson has been done. As usual the children are the ones who figure out how to solve the problems and resolve more of the mystery. Grown ups, even the nice ones are always fooled and cannot detect evil when it's right in front of them. The children have given up completely on Mr Poe who was supposed to find them a good home with relatives, but instead sends them to dangerous places where Olaf easily follows. My eight year old and I like to listen to these stories. At first I was a little concerned about the mean things Olaf and other adults do, and the rather dark imagery of the story. On the positive side, in this story the children have to decide whether they are going to do a "little bit of evil" to fight back against evil. They devise a plan they are not comfortable with but they justify it because of their desperate situation. In the end they do not go down that "slippery slope." Instead they devise a new plan where they do the right thing and it succeeds. They are relieved that they made the right choices. That is a pretty good lesson to learn from a story, so I highly recommend it.

My daughter and I like to take books with us when we go down the river. This was a great little series about 3 little kids who seem to have nothing but bad luck. They are great for all ages and fun to read as a family. Each one tells of a different adventure so you don't have to read them in order, but I recommend buying the entire set. They are full of adventure, suspense, and humor. Get them all!!!

My kid loves these books. As a parent I have tried to instill the love of reading into my son and it has gotten easier overtime and we are reaping the benefits of the improved reading. Sometimes it was difficult to match the content level with his advanced reading level in addition to his interest in the content itself, however these books have seemed to be a perfect storm of sorts. He is 9 but reading at a 12th grade level and it wasn't until this series that we really saw a passion for reading show, he always liked it and did it daily but never sought it out as feverishly as he did with this series, he is sharing the story with us in addition to laughing and enjoying himself. I highly recommend them and we now own them all.

The absolute best part of this book is the evolution of Sunny from a rope-chewing baby into a gourmet cook whose deft one-word insults not only land undetected by villains but also on certain politicians in real life. Check out page 107 for the definition of "busheney"! I would love to make a list of the great words coined by Sunny in this book; it makes all the other characters seem dull. Count Olaf doesn't wear any disguises. Violet's inventions are predictable. Most of the brainpower is supplied by Quigley Quagmire, not Klaus. And I heartily applaud the return of Carmelita from the "Austere Academy". She will have some great scenes in the next installment now that she has joined Esme and Count Olaf. Cakesniffers!!

(Written by my daughter) When I first heard the book, I thought that it was boring and sad. But when I read the first book I fell in love. I just kept reading and reading, and this review is coming from a 10 year old girl so you know that both kids and adults would love this series.

At this point I got bored for reading one book after another. I thought this is when a new character came out and, I remembered sighing when would the orphans (now I do not remember how to spell their surname) find what secret is behind their parents or Count Olaf.

Granddaughter loves these books. Received three of them on time.

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