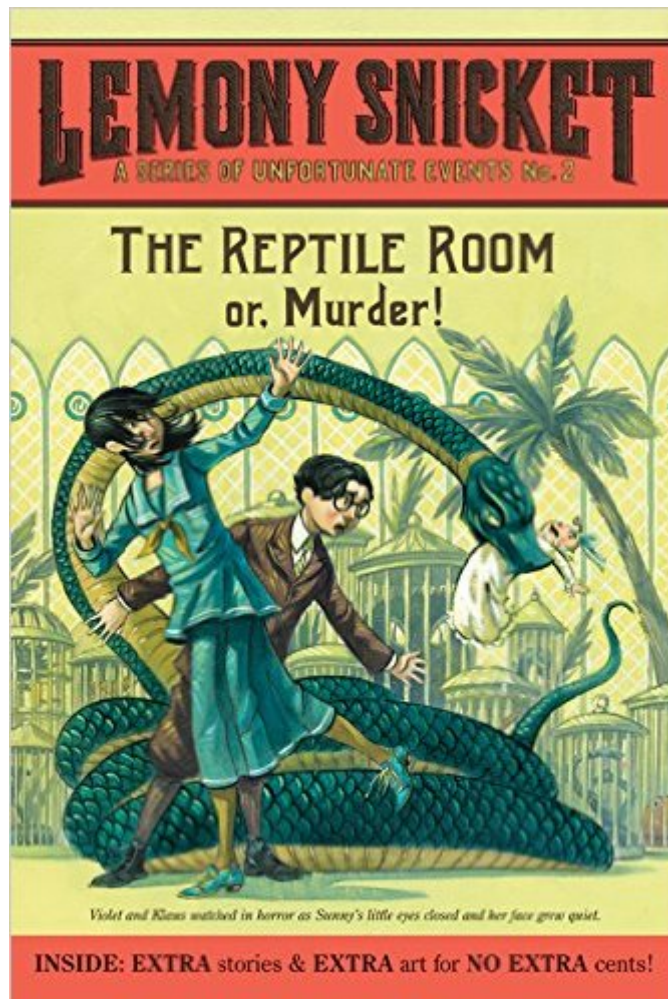


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Customer Reviews

Here we are again with the three Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Klaus and Sunny. In the first book their parents died in a fire and things went drastically downhill after that. Eventually ending with evil Count Olaf, a distant cousin, the trio tried to convince Mr. Poe, somewhat of a guardian, that Count Olaf was evil. At the end of the book Count Olaf ran away after his various machinations were unmasked. However, the ending was not happy because once again the orphans did not have a home. In this second book, we meet Dr. Montgomery Montgomery, or Uncle Monty, as he likes being

called. At first the reader might believe that Uncle Monty's house is a bad place, for it is filled with snakes, including those of a poisonous variety. However, the children quickly realize that Uncle Monty is actually a very nice guy, and keeps a very clean and organized house. Soon the children actually begin to lead a normal life. As our erstwhile author periodically enjoys pointing out, life is not to be happy for the Baudelaire orphans, and Count Olaf appears once again, though disguised. It takes very little time for Uncle Montgomery to be killed; and once again the orphans risk being in a very bad situation. Eventually, through the cleverness of the orphans, you must know that Count Olaf will somehow be unmasked, and the children saved, though to what end? This book was not quite as dark as the first book, and the implied sexual situations relating to Violet did not appear to exist in this book, for which I was very happy. However, death reappears in this book, and Count Olaf remains the evil person he was in the first. Thus this book is likely unsuitable for most younger readers and age 9 should likely be a reasonable minimum.

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