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# The Lemonade War (The Lemonade War Series Book 1)



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## Synopsis

For a full hour, he poured lemonade. The world is a thirsty place, he thought as he nearly emptied his fourth pitcher of the day. And I am the Lemonade King. Fourth-grader Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart, but not especially good with people. So when the siblings' lemonade stand war begins, there really is no telling who will win—or even if their fight will ever end. Brimming with savvy marketing tips for making money at any business, definitions of business terms, charts, diagrams, and even math problems, this fresh, funny, emotionally charged novel subtly explores how arguments can escalate beyond anyone's intent. Awards: 2009 Rhode Island Children's Book Award, 2007 New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, North Carolina Children's Book Award 2011, 2011 Nutmeg Award (Connecticut) Check out [www.lemonadewar.com](http://www.lemonadewar.com) for more information on The Lemonade War Series, including sequels The Lemonade Crime, The Bell Bandit, and The Candy Smash.

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I am about to describe to you a true situation that I have experienced time and time again as a

children's librarian. A parent will walk up to me and ask for a work of fiction for kids dealing either with money or business. Money or business. This request is usually met with a blank stare on my part followed by a furious search of the library's catalog. Let's see . . . money . . . money . . . Well there's that graphic novel version of "Rich Dad, Poor Dad," for kids, but that's not really fiction. If you work in your own children's room then you may know that nine times out of ten the answer to this kind of query will have to be, *The Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill. I mean, face it. When was the last time any book for children dealt with finances in a format that was fun, readable, and contained halfway decent writing? Well, when I heard about "The Lemonade War" I thought my prayers had been answered. Then I read it and realized I'd been thinking about the title all wrong. I thought it would just be this lightweight bit of fluff with some business info for the kiddies on the side. Instead, the book delivers emotional punch after emotional punch. It resonates with the reader. Pulls you deep inside its story and doesn't let go once. This is the first fictional children's novel by author Jacqueline Davies. And you can bet that if she writes another, I'll be first in line to buy. Before the letter came, siblings Evan and Jessie got along just fine. She's just a second grader and Evan's going into the fourth, but they always helped one another out.

See this review and more at: <http://idiosyncraticlibrary.com/?p=405> Any one who has been married or in a long term relationship knows that when you argue there are always at least two fights going on. The one on top - about the which school the kids should go to, about buying a new car, about whose job it is to corral the in laws - and the one underneath. The arguments on top change, with the season, with the situation, but those underneath arguments, they stay the same. Always two or three core things that cause stress and strife in your relationship. Arguments so deep you can't get at them, because your whole family, your whole life together rest on top of these arguments, but time and time again, they work their way to the surface using these weaker, shallower, transient arguments to gain strength and air. Like I said, anyone in a long term relationship knows this. In *The Lemonade War*, Jacqueline Davies makes us realize that some fourth graders know it, too. On top *The Lemonade War* is the story of Jessie and Evan Treski, siblings. Things are ok that summer right up until they learn that Jessie, who is skipping third grade and entering fourth with Evan this fall isn't just going to be in the same GRADE as Evan, but in the SAME CLASSROOM. Elated at first, super smart, but awkward, unpopular Jessie sees her brother as her savior, there to help her smooth out the social speed bumps of elementary school that she doesn't see until she trips over them and falls flat on her face. Which is why she's so perplexed when Evan is seething. Simmering away in the dark basement, refusing to play with her, spoiling the last few precious days of summer. Then, Evan

commits the most terrible betrayal. Leaving Jessie flat, he opens a lemonade stand with wormy Scott Spencer.

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