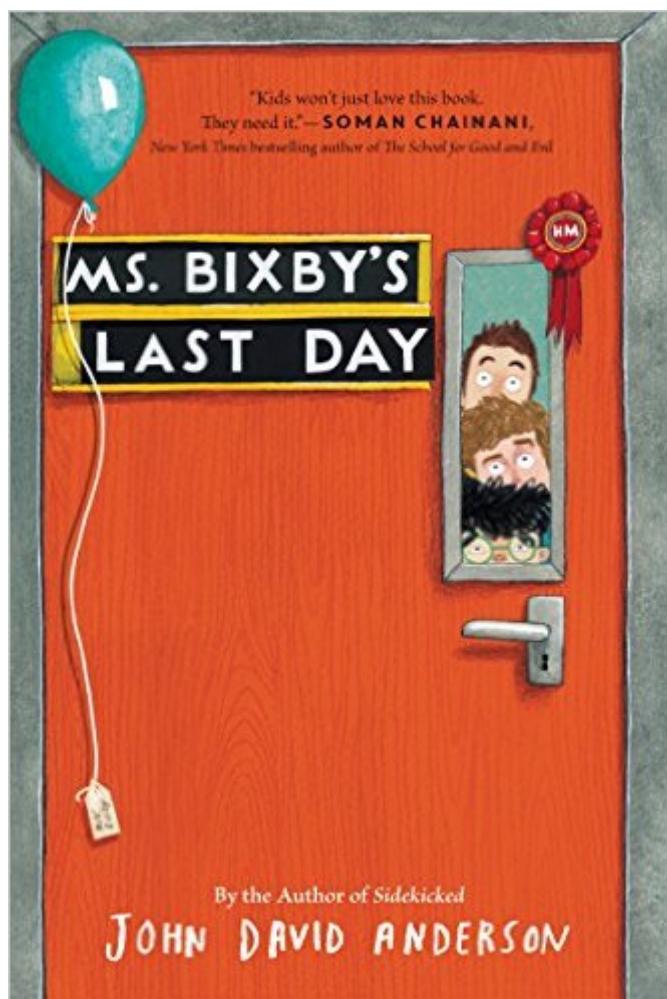


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# Ms. Bixby's Last Day



## **Synopsis**

John David Anderson, author of *Sidekicked* and *The Dungeoneers*, returns with a funny, heartwarming, and heartbreaking contemporary story about three boys, one teacher, and a day none of them will ever forget. Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard, the ones who stopped trying long ago. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like school is somehow worthwhile. Who recognizes something in you that sometimes you don't even see in yourself. Who you never want to disappoint. What Ms. Bixby is, is one of a kind. Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year, they come up with a risky plan: "more of a quest, really" to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves. Through the three very different stories they tell, we begin to understand what Ms. Bixby means to each of them and what the three of them mean to each other.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Prepare your box of tissues! John David Anderson, acclaimed author of *SIDEKICKED* and *MINION*,

brings readers MS. BIXBYâ™S LAST DAY, a heartfelt novel about the one teacher you never forget, and the friends who stay by your side no matter what. Everybody knows there are six kinds of teachers in the world. Sixth graders Topher, Steve and Brand know this better than anyone. Some of these teachers include the Zombies, the ones who have been teaching forever. There are the Caff-Adds or Zuzzers, the ones who are constantly on a caffeine-high and speak so fast that nobody understands them. There are the Dungeon Masters, your classic strict teachers who insist on absolutely no talking during break and reading time. And lastly, there are the Good Ones, the ones who simply make enduring seven hours of class slightly more bearable. Ms. Bixby is one of the good ones. So when she unexpectedly announces that she is unable to finish the class, Topher, Steve and Brand set out on a risky quest to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves. MS.

BIXBYâ™S LAST DAY was a superb story filled with humor, lovable characters and an unforgettable storyline. I went into this expecting a quirky and fun quick read about three middle-schoolers and their teacher, but what I got from reading Andersonâ™s story was much, much more. Told from the alternating perspectives of Topher, Steve and Brand, the reader is able to not only grasp the distinctive personalities of each boy, but learn about their individual backstories as well. Topher is the creative geek, Steve is the intelligent nerd and Brand is the boy with the big heart. I fell in love with each character, and came to experience each moment of excitement, laughter and grief alongside Topher, Steve and Brand.

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