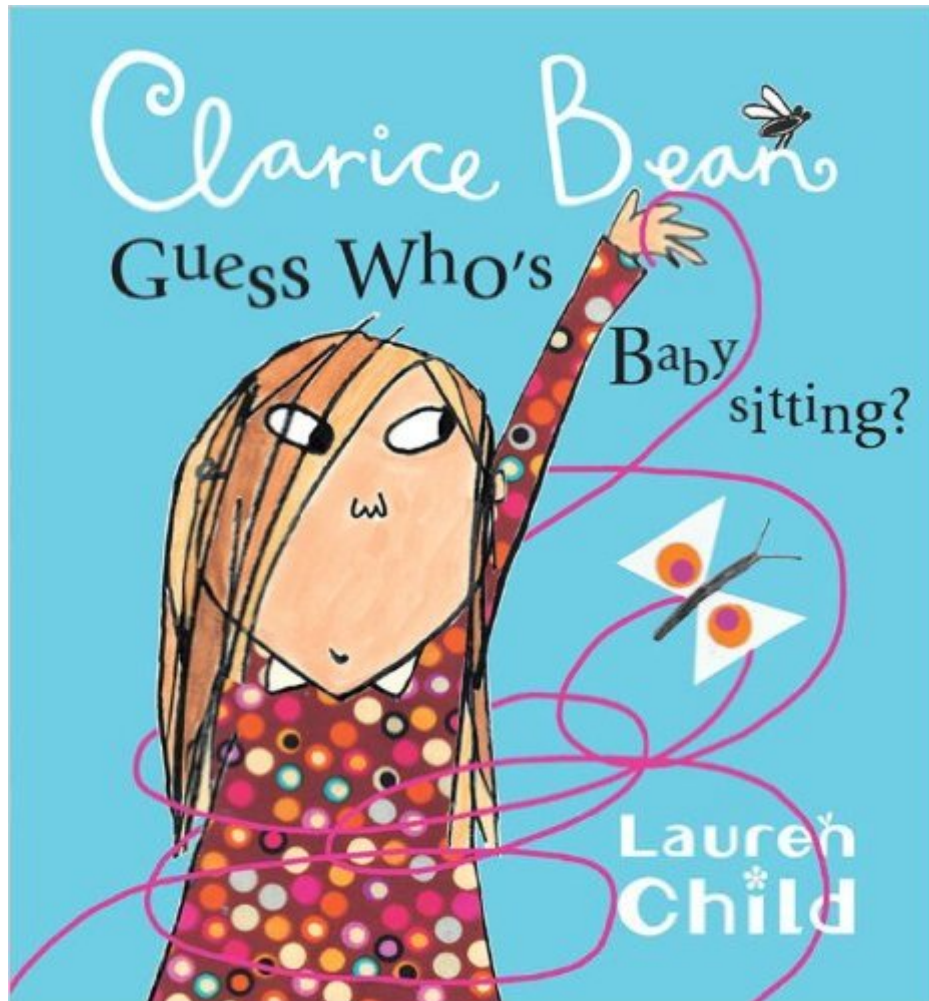


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# Clarice Bean, Guess Who's Babysitting



## Synopsis

Now in paperback. Lauren Child's spunky character returns and "as if things could get any livelier in Clarice Bean's household" Uncle Ted is babysitting! Who can Mom and Dad get to babysit the feisty Clarice, her pesky brother Minal Cricket, and the school's guinea pig, Albert, who's visiting for spring break? (Not to mention teenage brother Kurt, who abhors daylight; big sis Marcie, who chats on the phone all day; and Grandad, who tends to wander off.) Only Uncle Ted, firefighter and movie addict, can be persuaded. Will he survive the week?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

An awesome book that deserves 6 stars BUT this is the same book as My Uncle is a Hunkle with a different cover and name. So, I bought it hoping to see more about Uncle Ted only to find that it was the same book. Perhaps this is my fault for not reading reviews carefully, but who ever expects the same book to be sold under two different names? Not me. Great book - but turns out I already had it!

.More fun in the Bean household! Mom has to go to New York, and Dad has to go away on

IMPORTANT BUSINESS. So who looks after Clarice, Marcie, Minal, Kurt and Grandad while Mom and Dad are away? As a last resort Mom calls in Uncle Ted. After only two days of normality chaos takes over. Albert the Guinea Pig gets lost, Minal has an accident and Grandad wanders off. Lauren Child's book is a long way removed from the pastel coloured world of traditional kid's books. The illustrations are full on, with clever use of photomontage with text and type-fonts that go every which way. Most children will get a kick out of the very stylish layout and quirky humour. You can really believe that young Clarice wrote this book. All young readers will certainly enjoy her latest story.

My son absolutely adores Clarice Bean, and the whole series is a great tool to improve his reading comprehension skills. It's a masterful mixture of pictures and words with an entertaining plot that keeps him coming back to read Clarice's adventures again and again. He started with Charlie and Lola and soon graduated to Clarice Bean. He loves the sense of humor and mischief sprinkled throughout the books. Child's books along with Dr. Seuss's forms his "must reads" repertoire before bed time.

For some strange reason my daughter did not like this book. She likes Clarice Bean but she really didn't care for this book. A late night call and Clarice's mom has to fly out and take care of her brother Uncle Ernie the policeman who slips on a doughnut and breaks his legs (The joke about policemen and doughnuts was lost on her). Nobody can babysit so out of desperation, Uncle Ted the fireman is contacted. Due to his past history of breaking things, lassoing lamps and Minal, Clarice's mom "lays down the law" with a list of orders for Uncle Ted to follow. Nothing happens for a couple days but then Minal loses the class Guinea pig and everything goes downhill from there. Overall, I thought it was a good book but as I mentioned my girl did not care for it. It might be because of the artwork. It's good but she was used to few pictures as from her main books. It could also be she was expecting more to the story. She said it was different. Oh well.....

When Clarice Bean's Uncle Ernie slips on a doughnut and breaks both his legs, her mother has to rush to New York and help him out. Unfortunately her dad has to go away on important business and the only person they can find to babysit Clarice, her phone talking older sister, Marcie, her sun hating big brother Kurt, her accident prone little brother Minal and wandering Grandad is Uncle Ted. Clarice is thrilled. Uncle Ted is the best. He's a firefighter who loves westerns, can lasso lamps or kids and has been known to break a few things in the past. Mother leaves very strict instructions. She wants her house in one piece when she gets back and all goes very well for the first two days.

But then Minal let's the school guinea pig, Albert, that they're taking care of over spring break, out of his cage and all heck breaks loose..... Lauren Child's sequel to Clarice Bean, That's Me will have both old fans and new readers jumping for joy and laughing out loud at the antics of this "typical" family. Narrated by Clarice, this charming and hilarious story really captures the essence of the grade school mind as she tells everyone about the terrible chain of events that was set off when Albert got away. Ms Child's delightful prose is almost outdone by her creative cartoon and collage artwork and even the text is artistic, changing fonts and size and wrapping itself in and around the illustrations. Perfect for youngsters in grades 1-4, Clarice Bean, Guess Who's Babysitting is a rip roarin' good time the whole family will enjoy.

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