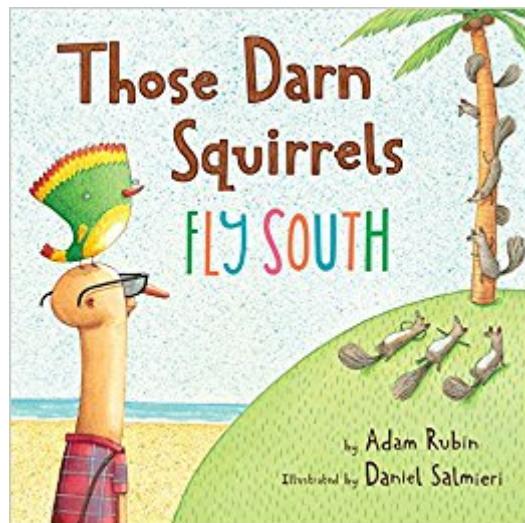


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# Those Darn Squirrels Fly South



## **Synopsis**

Those darn squirrels are at it again--this time wreaking havoc in a tropical location! Old Man Fookwire's birds migrate south for the winter, and the squirrels decide to follow. They devise an ingenious plan to fly to a warm and beautiful beach with many new plants to snack on and many new birds to see. Though he would never admit it, Old Man Fookwire misses his furry friends. He joins them down south, paints the local birds, and succumbs to sunburn—so the squirrels have to drive his car back home. The award-winning team behind *Those Darn Squirrels!* and *Those Darn Squirrels and the Cat Next Door* will delight young readers their parents alike with this hilarious and imaginative third installment.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

K-Gr 2-Those darn squirrels are at it again, and this time they're headed for warmer weather, aided by their "comprehensive understanding of aerodynamic engineering." In their third appearance, grumpy Old Man Fookwire is still painting pictures of his beloved birds and shaking his fist at squirrel shenanigans. But, instead of the baba, yaba, and floogle birds flying south alone, the squirrels tag along to see what all the fuss is about. When he receives a collect call from the squirrels turned beach bums, Fookwire's loneliness gets the better of him and he dusts off the red 1957 convertible he's kept hiding in a shed. After reuniting with his bird friends, sunburning his giant schnoz, and painting to his grumpy heart's content, he and the squirrels road trip it back together.

Salmieri's characteristic sketches stretch every scene to humorous proportion, making the most of Rubin's quirky story line and eccentric vocabulary. As Fookwire would say, "Great googley-moogley," this story doesn't disappoint.-Jenna Boles, Washington-Centerville Public Library, OH Â (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Ã "Visual slapstick and a deadpan text combine with trademark Fookwire expressions to make this third Darn Squirrels outing a winner . . . Hysterical--again."Ã¢ ¬â •Kirkus, starred review "Rubin conveys the complexities of a testy relationship with flair."Ã¢ ¬â •Publishers Weekly "Like the previous volumes, Rubin and Salmieri's third Fookwire-squirrel saga is rich in clever language and unexpectedly humorous flourishes."Ã¢ ¬â •New York Times online review "This story doesn't disappoint."Ã¢ ¬â •School Library Journal

Our five year old granddaughter has decided that Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri are her favorite author and illustrator. She has learned bigger concepts that just turning the pages and she is fascinated by how these two guys could write such a charming yet silly and attractive book. Their books are very unique. We love the nonsensical elements that tie the story together so well. These two have produced a winning combination in book production. We will probably buy everything they publish. It is simply an adorable book and somehow they have captured the right way to enthrall and teach and "tickle" a child's fancy. Because it is so fanciful, our granddaughter loves to learn new "sight words" on her own with it. Now that is a talent to prompt a child to excel in levels of learning!

I think we enjoyed this one more than the original adventure. The birds fly south for the winter and the squirrels decide to follow suite to see what all the fuss is about. Old Man Fookwire gets a call from the squirrels and drives down to the beach to paint some wonderful pictures of the exotic birds. Old Man Fookwire then heads home to the cold winter - the squirrels drive the car on the way back. My 9 year old and 3 year old enjoy listening to the story. The illustrations are fun and add a lot to the storyline. I would highly recommend this little gem!! Happy reading!

Old Man Fookwire and those "fuzzy little geniuses" (the squirrels) appeared at our house in the form of a library book, and got read and renewed so many times that we had to buy our own copy of the book. This book is responsible for teaching my children what a zeppelin is, inspiring them to ask about mangoes and the merengue, teaching them that 12 miles an hour is not a popular driving

speed, and prompting them to try cottage cheese with pepper (once). They love the writing style so much that I have overheard them trying to tell each other stories long after bedtime in the style of "the Old Man Fookwire book." It's still fun on my 50th+ read, and one son is beginning to recite it word-for-word (which makes me happy because the book offers such a rich vocabulary, plus some imaginative created words...).

I love Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri. Aside from "Secret Pizza Party", "Those Darn Squirrels" is my favorite of their books, with each book in the series getting progressively funnier and more creative. My 5-year-old son and I read this together frequently and absolutely love it!

Our little ones love this book - we all shake our fists at the book and in unison recite, "THOSE DARN SQUIRELLS!!!!". It's fun - try it!

Fun little book recommended by a colleague at work. I bought it for my grandson, but he's afraid of the main character - a grouchy old man who looks weird. So he doesn't want me to read the book to him. I personally love the book!

What can I say??? I'm a mom of three kids and I enjoyed reading it (with accented voices, of course) as much as they love hearing it. It's great to have the books on kindle since they don't sell the books here in Israel. The kids said although the squirrels built something in this book, they didn't do it while munching on snacks. They also suggest that there be a fourth book called, "Those Darn Squirrels Retire". Think about it. ;)Dinah Sered

Not as good as the first one but a decent follow up to Those Darn Squirrels.

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