

# [PDF] The Fourth Stall

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### Books Details:

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### Description:

**From** Sixth-graders Mac and Vince have been running an advice and assistance service for fellow grade-school students since they were in kindergarten. Mac is a problem solver, Vince is a whiz at keeping track of the money and favors they earn, and both boys are avid Chicago Cubs fans. Their office is located in an underused school bathroom, hence this first novel's title. The business takes a beating and then so does the boys' friendship when an older kid applies muscle to the threats he has made to grade-schoolers who owe gambling debts. Rylander has created a cast of memorable and varied characters, replete with emotional as well as social lives. Mac narrates the convoluted tale with the arch flatness of a 1940s satire of the noir detective genre, so swallowing even the more preposterous coincidences is easy for the sake of the story's fun. An excellent boy book that would do well in a father-son book discussion. Grades 4-7. --Francisca Goldsmith

**Review** "Here is an original - a story that really gets how guys are pals.... Do yourself a favor. Read it. Now." - **Jon Scieszka** (*NYT Best-Selling author*)

*"The Fourth Stall makes good use of non sequitur humor and a healthy dose of schoolyard violence to draw in even the most apprehensive young reader... a robust story rich in action, adventure, humor, and friendship."*

--VOYA

"Rylander has created a cast of memorable and varied characters, replete with emotional as well as social lives... An excellent boy book that would do well in a father-son book discussion."

--Booklist

"Boys and girls alike will be biting their nails, laughing out loud and begging for the next installment. Fans of Jeff Kinney, Gordon Korman and Jon Scieszka will find a new hero in Rylander."

--Sioux Falls Argus Leader

"Sometimes middle-school readers just wanna have fun. And Rylander, thankfully, steers well clear of made-for-TV life lessons." --The Cleveland Plain Dealer

Here is an original—a story that really gets how guys are pals. It's also funny, mysterious, and true to the heart of what really matters when you are in middle school. Do yourself a favor. Read it. Now. (Jon Scieszka, author of the Time Warp Trio series )

Debut novelist Rylander mines a substantial amount of humor and heart from this combination hard-boiled crime novel and middle-grade character piece. A light and enjoyable caper. (Publishers Weekly )

Draws in even the most apprehensive young reader... A robust story rich in action, adventure, humor, and friendship. (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) )

Mac narrates the tale with the arch flatness of a 1940s satire of the noir detective genre...Excellent. (ALA Booklist )

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