



Late for school, late for school, what's a first grader to do?

Do you have a **BIG BAD WOLF** waiting in your school office every time you're late for school? Henry does! Her name is Miss Timberlane. She is the school secretary and she's causing him a **LOT** of anxiety. What's Henry to do? Is it his fault that his family oversleeps and just can't get it together in the morning? Henry's dreaded encounters with the school secretary feed his imagination about just what kind of a person she is until one day, he arrives really late—**AGAIN**—and she's not scowling, growling, or shouting "**HENRY! You're late AGAIN**" at him. In fact, she's smiling! What's up with that? And is it true what Sophie Hendricksen says about Miss Timberlane—that she lives at school? Henry uses his bulgy spy-eyes and greased-up gear-turning brain to come to a heartfelt revelation about Miss Timberlane—who manages to ease his "late for school" problem—just a little.

In this sometimes sad, sometimes hilarious, and always true-to-life story, children of all ages will be tickled with the delightful character expressions and innocent imagination of Henry. The book will leave everyone with a positive feeling about life's little problems and teach us all to look for the silver lining in every cloud.

Super good book! I liked how it told us about an important school rule, which is being on time. And the illustrations are cool.

—Kaylee Campbell, first grader

Adorable book that parents, teachers, and kids will enjoy reading together over and over. Every school has a little Henry and a Miss Timberlane... The pictures are delightful!

—Amy Hamborg, Elementary Principal
Hudson, Wisconsin

About the author



As a child growing up on a dairy farm in northeast Iowa, Mary Evanson Bleckwehl loved school and had nightmares about not getting up in time to make the bus. She did make it to school every day and has now created Henry, an imaginative first grader who is in a predicament every morning as his family just can't seem to get him to school on time. Using years of teaching experience and stories from school children she taught, Mary has created a touching tale that will resonate with every child from three to ninety-three, one that reminds our inner soul that there are things that are out of our control. Mary is a wife, mother, and former elementary school teacher who still finds her way into the classroom every week as a volunteer and substitute teacher. She lives in Northfield, Minnesota.

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