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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–8—After his last heist went bad and he lost Gaby, the girl he liked, Jackson Greene swore off breaking the rules. But when his old nemesis, Keith Sinclair, plans to steal the school election from Gaby and cut the budget for every afterschool activity except the Gamer Club, Jackson decides to use his con-man skills yet again. Jackson does a little digging and discovers that Keith plans on rigging the election by bribing the principal with a large donation from his father. Can Jackson save the day by stealing the election back for his friend or will his nemesis beat him at his own game? The characters are likable, if a bit thin. Although the premise is implausible, the plot is fast paced, well developed, and has a lot of unique twists and turns that will draw readers in from start to finish. Hand this unique book to kids who like mystery, adventure, and Robin Hood-esque stories.—Kira Moody, Whitmore Public Library, Salt Lake City, UT

From Booklist

Jackson Greene is a smooth operator on thin ice. Thanks to a series of elaborate, infamous pranks, he is banned from using a cell phone at Maplewood Middle School and is this close to getting expelled. But when his friend Gaby is going to lose the student council elections because of some dirty dealings between a power-hungry candidate and the greedy principal, Jackson quietly comes out of retirement. With the help of a tech expert, a honeypot, a driver, and a right-hand man, Jackson confidently orchestrates an intricate plot to reveal the principal's scheme and win the election for Gaby. This fast-paced caper reads like Ocean's 11 for the middle-school set, and that's no coincidence: Johnson (Saving Maddie, 2010) openly credits the film as inspiration, and he has pretty much pulled it off, right down to the dizzying plot twists, incredulous access to the latest tech, and unflappable swagger. Though the multicultural cast of well-rounded middle-schoolers make so many references to earlier high jinks that this occasionally seems like a sequel, the nonstop intrigue keeps the pages turning. Grades 5–8. --Sarah Hunter

Review

Praise for *The Great Greene Heist*:

"A delightful and diverse cast of middle school students with a wide range of backgrounds and interest concocts a series of elaborate schemes . . . The elaborate bait-and-switch of this fast-paced, funny caper novel will surprise its readers as much as the victims." -- *Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"A political heist page-turner set in middle school? Is that even possible? Varian Johnson shows us how it's done, expertly walking the tightrope between true-to-life school experiences and belly laughs." – Gordon Korman, author of *Swindle* and *The Hypnotists*

"Pay attention! This terrific story speeds ahead on every page, but the lively characters will make you care enough to keep up. Do yourself a favor and start reading immediately." – Rebecca Stead, Newbery-winning author of *When You Reach Me* and *Liar and Spy*

"This fast, funny heist novel takes the reader on a ride full of twists and turns. I'm a sucker for a good scam, and Jackson and his gang work one of the best in the business. Nice pull, Varian Johnson!" – Jude Watson, author of *Loot* and *The 39 Clues: In Too Deep*

"*The Great Greene Heist* is one crazy cool caper!" – Rita Williams-Garcia, Newbery Honor-winning author of *One Crazy Summer* and *P.S. Be 11*

"A smart, charming, and hilarious novel featuring one of my favorite protagonists in years. I'd follow

Jackson Greene anywhere, and *The Great Greene Heist* is a fantastic ride." – Matt de la Pena, author of *The Living and Mexican Whiteboy*

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