

The Summer I Robbed a Bank

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Blurb:

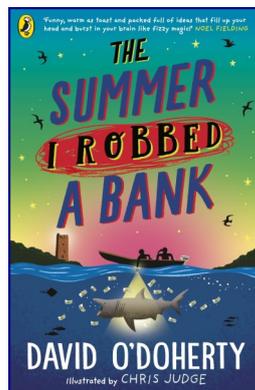
Millions meets Gangsta Granny.

There's a feeling of relief that comes just after you've robbed a bank...

Rex's parents have split up and, to make matters worse, he has to spend his summer holiday on a remote and rainy Irish island - with only unruly sheep for company. The only upside - he'll be staying with his strange and brilliant Uncle Derm.

Then Rex discovers Uncle Derm is about to execute his most hair-brained plan yet... To rob the island's travelling bank!

Like the local legend of medieval Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley, Uncle Derm plans to redistribute the money to local needy causes on the island. And he needs Rex's help...



Lamont Review:

When 12-year-old Rex is sent to a remote island to stay with his eccentric Uncle Derm for two weeks over the summer holidays, his life is turned upside down.

Normally Rex is prevented from doing anything by his overprotective mother. But now, with the help of his new friend Kitty, he is getting up to all sorts of adventures.

It turns out that Uncle Derm is terribly sick, and with developers trying to build a hotel in the Old Coastguard station that serves as the island's hospital, they need money now to save it. Uncle Derm really doesn't want to have to leave his beloved island.

Eventually their hairbrained ideas for making money culminate in a plan to rob the island's travelling bank van. To say everything goes wrong is an understatement. But you have to love their persistence and passion!

This is a hilariously funny, easy to read adventure that has themes of friendship, right and wrong, illness, living life to the full and family ties that will be loved by readers aged 10-14 years.

Reviewed by Rob