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The Naughty Bench

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A rainy day, a teacher's headache, and a canceled trip to the zoo spell disaster for the class of Room 4 in this humorous picture book. First, Flynn blows a raspberry; then, twins Ruby and Phoebe start calling one another ugly. One by one, every student is sent to the naughty bench—with Miss Cross herself topping it off before the whole class comes tumbling down. Reminiscent of children's drawings, the illustrations burst with color and movement.

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