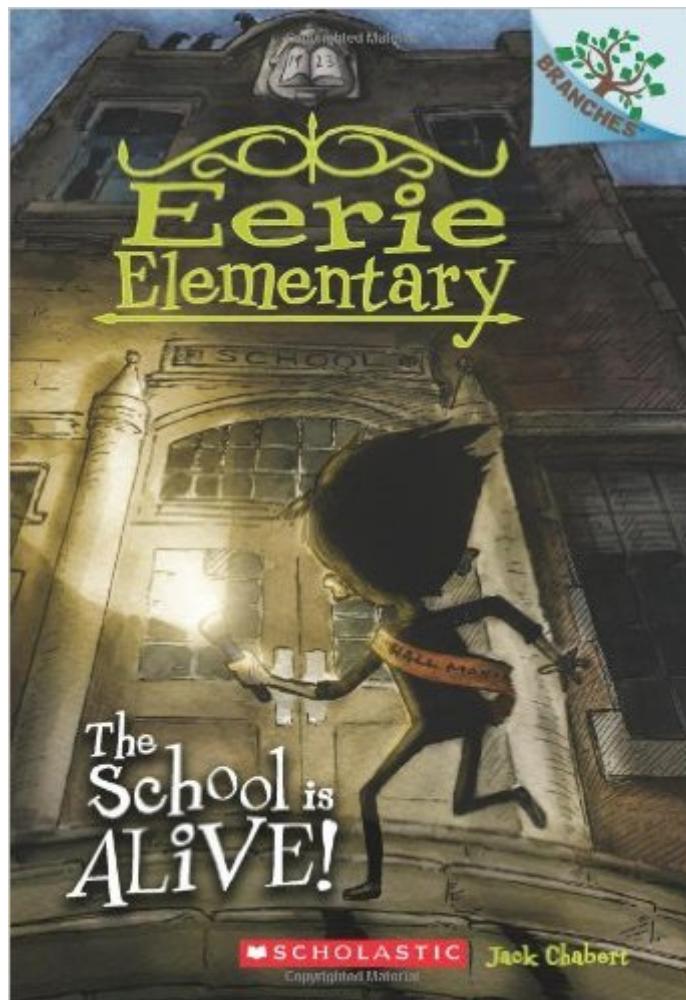


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# The School Is Alive!: A Branches Book (Eerie Elementary #1)



## **Synopsis**

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## **Book Information**

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Series: Eerie Elementary (Book 1)

Paperback: 96 pages

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Scholastic has launched a series it calls "Branches", which so far consists of about nine different sets of books. I read one, "Let's Get Cracking!", in the Kung Pow Chicken series, and it was funny and very clever. These are supposed to be early chapter books, with a bit of oomph to grab readers. I'm impressed. This book is part of the "Eerie Elementary" series and it is very appealing as well. The idea here is that the books are intended for "newly independent" readers, and emphasize

"easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots" and lots of illustrations. Well, I've read these sorts of promos and blurbs before, and there can be pretty substantial gaps between what the publisher promises and what it delivers. I am happy to report, at least for me, that these books, judging from this book and the Kung Pow books, actually do deliver.(VERY MILD SPOILER.) The story here is that Sam Graves is appointed to be the new hall monitor at Eerie Elementary School. Unbeknownst to him this position comes with the responsibility for protecting the students from the evil force that occupies and animates the school. Sam, with his pals Lucy and Antonio, must labor to protect the school. Sam first learns of his peril when quicksand opens up in the playground and tries to swallow him. That's when he finds out what his job will be. Now this is a pretty clever hook and allows for some creepy action, some mild eeeevil doings, cooperative effort by Sam and his friends, and all kinds of action/adventure complications. But here's the thing. While this is a sharp, tight, clean, direct and zippy book it has some touches that are well above what I expect from early readers. For example, Sam is saved from the quicksand by the mysterious school custodian, Mr. Nekobi.

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