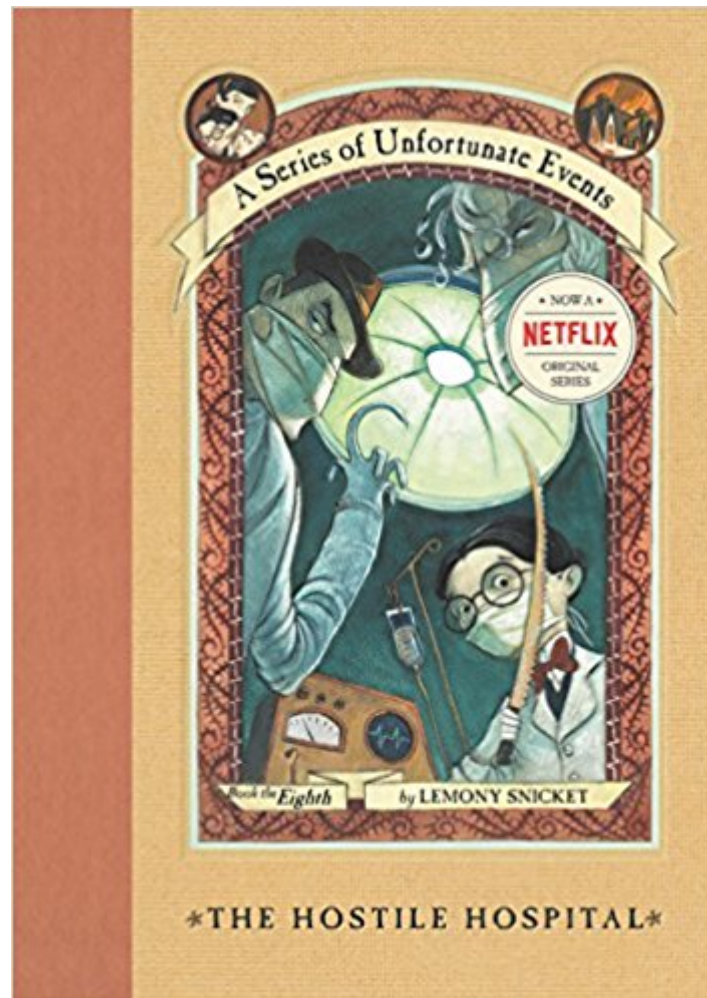




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# The Hostile Hospital (A Series Of Unfortunate Events #8)



## Synopsis

NOW A NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES The Baudelaires need a safe place to stay—somewhere far away from terrible villains and local police. A quiet refuge where misfortune never visits. Might Heimlich Hospital be just the place? In Lemony Snicket's eighth ghastly installment in *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, I'm sorry to say that the Baudelaire orphans will spend time in a hospital where they risk encountering a misleading newspaper headline, unnecessary surgery, an intercom system, anesthesia, heart-shaped balloons, and some very startling news about a fire.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

As you might expect, nothing but woe befalls the unlucky Baudelaire orphans in the eighth grim tale in Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events* that began with *The Bad Beginning*. Ever since the orphans' photographs were plastered across the front page of *The Daily Punctilio* in an article falsely accusing them of murder, they have been on the run. Only when they disguise themselves as cheerful hospital volunteers (*Volunteers Fighting Disease*, to be exact), do they see a possible refuge. Of course, this backfires hideously. Where is their ineffectual guardian, Mr. Poe, when they need him most? Will the evil, greedy Count Olaf be successful in giving poor Violet a craniectomy at the Heimlich Hospital? Is a heart-shaped balloon really better than water for a thirsty patient? Is

no news really good news? As ever, Snicket refuses to comfort young readers with cozy answers and satisfying escapes. And, as ever, there are plenty of rusty blades and horrible plot twists to make us shudder and shameless-but-hilarious wordplay to make us grimace happily. Bring on the next one! (Ages 9 and older) --Karin Snelson

Gr 4-7-Another roller coaster of perils for the three Baudelaire children. This time, they search for clues concerning their parents' deaths and attempt to clear themselves of a false murder charge while being pursued by the evil Count Olaf, who is after the family fortune. While attempting to escape arrest, the siblings join a volunteer group that sings and brings good cheer to patients and enter Heimlich Hospital, where they soon find themselves working in the Library of Records. A picture with an important clue surfaces just as Olaf's girlfriend discovers them and captures Violet, who is then readied for a craniectomy, a surgery in which the head must be removed. The trio's talents are put to good use in a daring escape from the burning hospital. They jump into Olaf's car trunk in search of more clues and position themselves for the next exciting sequel. Readers will enjoy cheering for the clever youngsters, booing the diabolical villains, and noting the many new clues. The narrator's active voice is forever teasing readers by taking them to the edge of their seats and then purposely switching the subject or suggesting they stop reading all together. This volume can stand alone but few will be able to resist reading the next installment after the cliff-hanger ending. Jean Gaffney, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, Miamisburg, OH Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

My kid loves these books. As a parent I have tried to instill the love of reading into my son and it has gotten easier overtime and we are reaping the benefits of the improved reading. Sometimes it was difficult to match the content level with his advanced reading level in addition to his interest in the content itself, however these books have seemed to be a perfect storm of sorts. He is 9 but reading at a 12th grade level and it wasn't until this series that we really saw a passion for reading show, he always liked it and did it daily but never sought it out as feverishly as he did with this series, he is sharing the story with us in addition to laughing and enjoying himself. I highly recommend them and we now own them all.

great reading for my 11 yo 6th grader. she loves this series.

Another great installment. This one ends with a cliff hanger.

I enjoyed the "A Series of Unfortunate Events" immensely!!! And you do not have to be a kid to read these books! I actually stumbled across this author... My mother was in the hospital & someone had given me some old books, so being bored I started reading the 2nd book of this series. I enjoyed it so much, I went on and bought & downloaded the other 11 books!!! I'm giving them 5 stars!!! Enjoy :)

Child enjoys this big series.

This book entertains the mind with exciting, "edge- of-your-seat" storytelling that is fun to read. Lemony Snicket tells the story in a way that no one else can and by the time you finish reading the book you will have learned the definitions of many new words and read explanations of many different literary elements. You won't be able to put it down!

I really liked the book especially the end, and I totally recommend it if you are looking for something different. But remember to start from the beginning if you haven't read the Lemony Snicket series of unfortunate events.

The cover looks like a sticker and the book looks like it was bound by a toddler. I was very upset upon discovering this. However, this was a purchase for my boyfriend who adores the series. He very quickly told me that it was supposed to look like that. Overall, great quality. It must be a good read because it's the only series he's ever finished

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