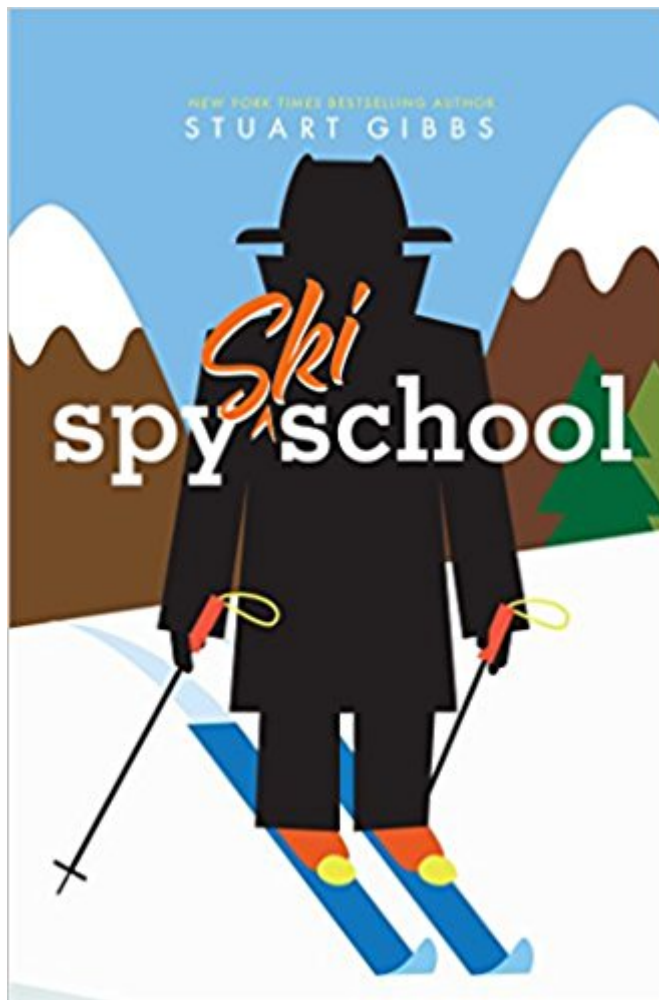


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# Spy Ski School (Spy School)



## Synopsis

Ben Ripley enrolls in ski school, where the slopes, and the stakes, get really steep in this follow-up to the Edgar Award-nominated *Spy School*, *Spy Camp*, and *Evil Spy School*. Thirteen-year-old Ben Ripley is not exactly the best student spy school has ever seen--he keeps flunking Advanced Self Preservation. But outside of class, Ben is pretty great at staying alive. His enemies have kidnapped him, shot at him, locked him in a room with a ticking time bomb, and even tried to blow him up with missiles. And he's survived every time. After all that unexpected success, the CIA has decided to activate Ben for real. The Mission: Become friends with Jessica Shang, the daughter of a suspected Chinese crime boss, and find out all of her father's secrets. Jessica wants to go to ski school in the Rocky Mountains, so a select few spy school students are going skiing too--under cover, of course. Ben might not be able to handle a weapon (or a pair of skis), but he can make friends easy peasy. That is, until his best friend from home drops in on the trip and jeopardizes the entire mission...

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Readers will be glad they strapped on their boots and went along for the ride." (Kirkus Reviews)

Stuart Gibbs is the author of the FunJungle series, as well as the New York Times bestselling Spy School and Moon Base Alpha series. He has written the screenplays for movies like See Spot Run and Repli-Kate, worked on a whole bunch of animated films, developed TV shows for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, ABC, and Fox. Stuart lives with his wife and children in Los Angeles. You can learn more about what he's up to at [StuartGibbs.com](http://StuartGibbs.com).

Son loved the books.

A great book, I just wish Erica would stop giving being such a jerk about liking Ben.

The book was a great new addition too the series (Spy School).i really hope Stuart Gibbs makes a new book too the series.

Yes I would recommend this product from my point of view. I also don't find anything I dislike in the book.

How can I start?I have to note that in all of the Spy School books so far, the plot can be divided in three main themes: the action, the humor and the relationships.I'll start from the action.This time the movement of the story was simply EPIC. The beginning seemed a little too "normal", and the return of the Pirncipal (intentional mistake) was kind of annoying but funny.However, there's a different feel to this book respect to the others; far from SPYDER, an actual sanctioned operation, Mike's return.All three of the themes have "elevated" in this fourth book.For once, the mission is a real mission, which gives it a sort of "professional feel" to it: no more escaping SPYDER, no more weird job offerings or such.The action starts right away, with investigation, infiltrations and very funny undercover conversations.\*SPOILER\* And when I mean the action elevated, it elevated: nuclear bombs, helicopters and machine guns.A lot more action scenes compared to the other books, I think- and with the combination of snow, skis and menacing bodyguards makes it an exciting and enjoyable read.The "villains's big scheme" is well thought of too; one of the hardest things of writing a spy book, to me, is to create a believable scheme. Not something too silly nor ridiculous (like world domination), but a plan acceptable and carefully crafted.Now let's move on to the humor.Not a single one of Stuart Gibbs's books lacks humour; in the worst situations or in a tense moment, there are always funny side remarks or comments (when Warren clocked his head and was like "I want a pony")Most of the humour, this time, was directed toward Erica- \*SPOILER\* from her personality

flipping like a coin whenever she went undercover, or actual her mistakes, or even when Zoe tried to spark a conversation about "girl talk" and Erica was like what the heck are you talking about??It's kind of too bad though, as Erica's one of my favorite characters and seeing her act as the craziest teenager ever (even if just a cover) was both hilarious and unsettling. Then, finally, the relationships. I was betting a million dollars that Ben would get yet another crush on the enemy agent. And it did, as everyone predicted. Jessica is an interesting character- as always, not much of a description except that she has hair and is comparable to Erica, but that's even more vague because there wasn't much description of Erica either. She seems very...real. Not that the others seem fake; she's a well crafted character who will probably appear in the future. It's revealed that Zoe absolutely dislikes Warren, poor him, but I take that back because he was being a jerk the whole time. As for Mike, his presence definitely turned the tables; the part where he was calculating which girl was better was pretty funny. He's a smart kid, probably worthy of joining the Spy Academy, which will be interesting to see how Ben will react to that. And of course, I can't skip the big Stuart-Gibbs-trademark cliffhanging ending and the jump of Ben&Erica's relationship, can I? I had accidentally read a comment and spoiled the discovery, but that part was still unexpected and epic. To finish up, this was, in my opinion, the best book of the series so far. Things have really elevated, more characters have risen up in importance, more questions remain unanswered. But if anyone can continue the series and keep up the awesomeness, I'm sure Stuart Gibbs won't disappoint us.

My 10 year old was drawn into the spy school series a couple of years ago (and he has also drawn me in!) So when he somehow learned that spy ski school was coming out, he became obsessed with getting a copy as soon as possible. There was a countdown for the release date in my household. This book exceeded expectations. Although i've only read it once, my son read it three times within the first week!

Spy Ski School was another amazing book by Stuart Gibbs. I liked the book because of all the excitement. There is kissing, defusing bombs and a whole lot more. But if I told you it would give away the story. I recommend this book to middle schoolers. I hope you choose to read it.

Spy Ski School is the fourth book in the Spy School Series. Review written by a 12 year old girl. **WARNING: POSSIBLE SPOILERS!** In this book, Ben and Erica are sent yet again from the normal Spy School curriculum to work undercover in the mountains, to find out about the evil Leo Shang. Ben is given the task to befriend Shang's beloved daughter, Jessica, but there are multiple

complications. For one thing, Ben's best friend, (a non-spy), Mike, shows up and makes the mission almost impossible in Ben's eyes, since Jessica starts to ignore Ben and only hang out with Mike. Eventually, when Erica solves the problem, (yet again,) things get even more complicated when Mike suspects that his friend is more than just a science student, but a SPY. Meanwhile, Erica is getting restless, wanting to put herself danger all the time. She wants to be the main part of the mission, not just Ben's understudy. She's the same Erica in the other books, of course, cold and calculating. But when she must go undercover, she's Sasha, a bubbly, annoying teenager who just can't seem to ski. (Which I found incredibly funny.) As for the other characters, they were the same. I still loved Zoe with her optimistic attitude, thought that Chip was hilarious with his comments and personality, thought Jawa was a side character, and Warren was a love-sick brat. I was really happy that Stuart Gibbs included so many supporting characters. Jessica was a great character, and I loved how she stood up to her father in the end. She also added a triangle. :) As for the concepts, I love skiing, so it was really entertaining to see the characters trying to learn. Perfect Erica was not so perfect anymore, completely unable to turn or make it down a trail without falling. Warren was still Warren, not very good at anything but camouflage, but Gibbs made it funny to read about those two doing something so incredibly wrong. I was laughing half the time at their comments and dialogue. The only problem I had was one thing, SPYDER. Last book, Ben and his friends blew up their headquarters, and only until the very end of the book we heard about them. SPYDER was the main enemy in the three book, and now suddenly a character named Shang pops up and everything goes haywire. Murray is still alive, and working for Shang, but we hear nothing about others. Ashley is mentioned once in the whole book, and Nefarious has completely unknown whereabouts. What happened? Also, when Murray helps Shang try to kill Ben, he fails yet again, since Mike rescues the team, but Murray was in about 10-15 page. Last book he was a major character, and now he might as well have shrunk to the size of an ant. In conclusion, this book was great, except for the SPYDER issue. It is my second favorite, next to Evil Spy School. I give this 5/5 stars in total! If you liked this, you should read: -Space Case by Stuart Gibbs - Splendors and Glooms by Laura Amy Schilitz

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