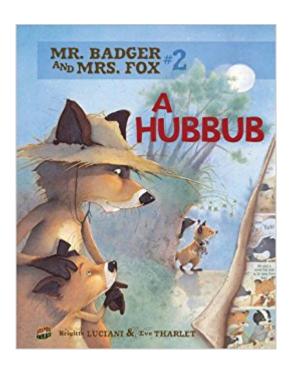


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# A Hubbub (Mr. Badger And Mrs. Fox)





## Synopsis

A further adventure from Mr Badger and Mrs Fox where the children from the two families have to learn to get on and play together. Some important lessons are learned.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

K-Gr  $2\mathring{A}$ ¢ $\mathring{a}$  ¬ $\mathring{a}$  œIn this sequel to The Meeting (Lerner, 2010), in which Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox met and blended their families, Ginger Fox is having some trouble adjusting to her new life, which includes two badger stepbrothers. In the end she realizes that having a bigger family can only bring more rewards and is happy with her situation. Luciani uses animal characters to bring to life the feelings and frustrations that can develop when children are faced with family changes. The pros and cons that Ginger experiences suggest a realistic view of modern families instead of an idealistic  $\mathring{A}$ ¢ $\mathring{a}$  ¬ $\mathring{A}$ "Happily ever after. $\mathring{A}$ ¢ $\mathring{a}$  ¬ $\mathring{A}$ • The watercolor illustrations help set the mood and provide a great deal of depth to each panel. Each strip depicts Ginger's feelings and makes the text come alive. A good choice for the youngest graphic-novel fans. $\mathring{A}$ ¢ $\mathring{a}$  ¬ $\mathring{a}$  œCatherine Brenner, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, NY $\mathring{A}$   $\mathring{A}$  (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This second volume in the Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox graphic-novel series for the youngest readers continues to succeed in offering age-appropriate insight on real-life complexities in the form of an appealing animal tale. The two families have successfully combined, bringing together Mrs. Foxââ ¬â,¢s daughter and Mr. Badgerââ ¬â,¢s two boys and baby. The older three kids adjust to the expectations and roles played by their new parent, while baby Ginger copes with her envy over how the others have so quickly adapted to the new blended family. With excellent artwork and nicely handled developmental psychology, this series belongs in any collection serving young readers. Grades K-3. --Francisca Goldsmith

It had been about a year since Marguerite, Mrs. Fox, and Edmund, Mr. Badger had been together. They were a very happy, blended family. At first Ginger was very unsettled because it had always been just she and her Mama and when Bristle, Grub, and little Berry came to live with them things were so different. The two older boys were teaching Ginger how to argue and stand up for herself and she shouted out things like, "You flea-filled carpet" and "Striped doormat." She was really learning fast, but very soon Papa stepped in and asked them to watch their language. Edmund told Mama that "they never get bored when they're together."The children seemed to get along guite nicely since they got together, but sometimes Ginger thought that Papa was sometimes a bit too strict with them. Bristle, Grub, and Ginger were soon off working on their new clubhouse in a hollowed out tree. They were having so much fun putting up hammocks that they were late for dinner. Ginger became very upset when Papa made them clean their rooms after dinner because Mama never made her do that. Things were really different in this new household. Her "real" Papa came to pick her up sometimes, but she worried that she really didn't fit into the house, especially when baby Berry called HER mother, "Mama." Would Ginger ever fit into they house? Didn't her Mama love her anymore? This charming graphic novel is the ongoing story of a blended fox and badger family who are beginning to care for one another. This is the second installment in the "Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox" series. In the first story the family had just gotten together and all the three older children from both families were very upset at the prospect of having to live together. In this book we are beginning to see, as in "real" families, that the children are starting to get along and actually enjoy playing with each other and are defensive of their siblings against outsiders. The series is fun and does not lecture. The artwork is very beautiful, detailed, and guite appealing. If you have several children in one of those special blended families, this lovely graphic novel series is one you may wish to consider!

"Mr. Badger And Mrs. Fox, v.2: The Hubbub"Written by Brigitte Lucianilllustrated by Eve Tharlet(Lerner Books/Graphic Universe, 2010)------A beautifully illustrated, emotionally resonant story of two different families -- one fox, one badger -that come together as one. The first book (originally printed in France a few years ago) was a gentle parable about loss and remarriage, with the two families meeting and coming together. Here, it is a year later and they are still working the kinks out. The kids are getting along fine, except fiery Ginger, the fox girl is feeling outnumbered by her three badger siblings and possessive of her mother, who she feels she is losing to her new dad and to the other kids as well, since they have started calling her "mom" as well. Generally, though, the kids get along well -- they even have harmless sneaky secrets from their parents, like a new clubhouse they've created in an old, hollow tree. And when that clubhouse gets invaded by kids from another neighborhood (some mean kittens from the nearby town) it is an opportunity for them to bond even more. When Ginger's estranged biological father shows up, it looks like the drama may shift to Ginger having her loyalties divided between her parents, but in an unexpected (and very European) twist, all the adults are cool with each other, and there is no clash between the grown-up foxes, or Mrs. Fox's new husband. They are all civilized adults. As in the first volume, the emotions are subtle and the artwork -- gentle watercolors by Ms. Tharlet -- is exquisite. Recommended, both as a comicbook and as a "message" story. (Joe Sixpack, ReadThatAgain children's book reviews)

Brigitte Luciani and Eve Tharlet have given young readers a marvelous gift. Blended families don't always work well, even in the animal kingdom. The Badger and Fox families are friends, but don't always get along. That is, until THE CLUBHOUSE! The troubles of two families are nothing compared to three that want to share the clubhouse. How are families made? You will have to read this to find out. Delightful story, and well done artwork recommend this book for kids up to age 8.

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