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Carla brings weird sandwiches to school. There's the **Olive-Pickle-and-Green-Bean Sandwich**, the **Sardine-Mustard-and-Sunflower-Seed Sandwich**, and the unforgettable **Chopped-Liver-Potato-Chips-and-Cucumber Combo**. Sure enough, her classmates have plenty to say. "That's gross!" says Buster. "It's disgusting!" says Leslie. "It's sick!" says Natie.

But spunky Carla, who has dollops of self-esteem, thinks otherwise. "It's different," she responds. "It's creative. It's unique. And I made it myself." Unimpressed, one by one her classmates desert Carla at the lunch table, leaving her all alone with her oddly original sandwiches.

Buster is the meanest of all, and on the day of the class picnic he declares Carla's spectacular Combo Deluxe a *Wormbo* Deluxe. Carla is understandably upset, but when Buster discovers that he has forgotten his lunch, she magnanimously offers him one of her extra sandwiches. Buster's hunger finally outweighs his hesitation. He takes a nibble – and loves it!

Soon everyone is lining up for a bite, discovering that "unusual" can actually be surprisingly terrific. Carla not only turns the teasers into tasters, but into creative sandwich-makers too.

★★★★★ "A delicious book – I grant Carla five stars for her originality and fantastic food pairings."

–Ephraim Kadish

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