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Surprises According To Humphrey



Synopsis

A classroom hamster has to be ready for anything, but suddenly there are LOTS-LOTS-LOTS of big surprises in Humphrey's world. Some are exciting, like a new hamster ball. But some are scary, like a run-in with a cat and a new janitor who might be from another planet. But even with all that's going on, Humphrey finds time to help his classmates with their problems. But will Mrs. Brisbane's unsqueakable surprise be too much for Humphrey to handle?

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

In this fourth title featuring classroom hamster Humphrey, the surprises abound. Some are fun, such as the entertaining, if occasionally scary, new hamster ball, and some are not: best friends A. J. and Garth are feuding; janitor Aldo may have been replaced by an alien; and the teacher, Ms. Brisbane, may retire. Narrated in Humphrey's lively voice, the story is characteristically amusing and incorporates kid-relevant issues, such as being the last chosen for sports teams and the importance of respect, support, kindness, and appreciation. New and returning readers will enjoy the caring hamster's unique perspective on everything from friendship to fire drills. Grades 2-4.

--Shelle Rosenfeld --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Humphrey is a witty, fun, and lovable character with great kid appeal. -- School Library Journal
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My son (third grade) absolutely loves this series of books. I guess he can relate to it because it all takes place in a public school classroom, and covers many problems that children his age deal with. For example, there is one child who is a foster child of a single parent, another child who is painfully shy, a third who has problems paying attention, etc. The main character is a classroom pet hamster named Humphrey. He knows how to slip out of his cage at night and sometimes help solve problems for the students by doing sneaky things. This particular book also has a nautical/pirate component that some boys might especially like, as the classroom is preparing for a toy boat race at the lake.

I have read and thoroughly enjoyed books 1 thru 4 of the series, then passed them on to RVing friends in South Carolina. In return, they just recently gifted me with books 5 thru 9! OK, so I'm 82 years old and not one of the youngsters these books by Betty Birney slants them to but they are just FUN - FUN - FUN reads! My SC friends figure that they will pass them on to their church Pre-school classes. So, as I pass each of these volumes back to them, I imagine they will be going that route also. Back to Youngsters! Yeah! Go Humphrey!

My 7 year old loves this whole series.

The kids love this stuff! they can't get enough!

Nice books

Humphrey is one of those characters that will entertain young readers, and parents. I love reading with my son. These books are so fun and have such great stories to tell. Betty G. Birney is an excellent writer and knows how to keep a child's interest in reading. Excellent series!

My son absolutely loves this series!

My eight year-old twin girls love the Humphrey books! Honestly, I have not read the book and

cannot speak for its content, but it is in our elementary school library so I trust that it is safe and appropriate. I have heard excerpts from the book that the girls think are hilarious. I love the convenience of purchasing e-books.

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