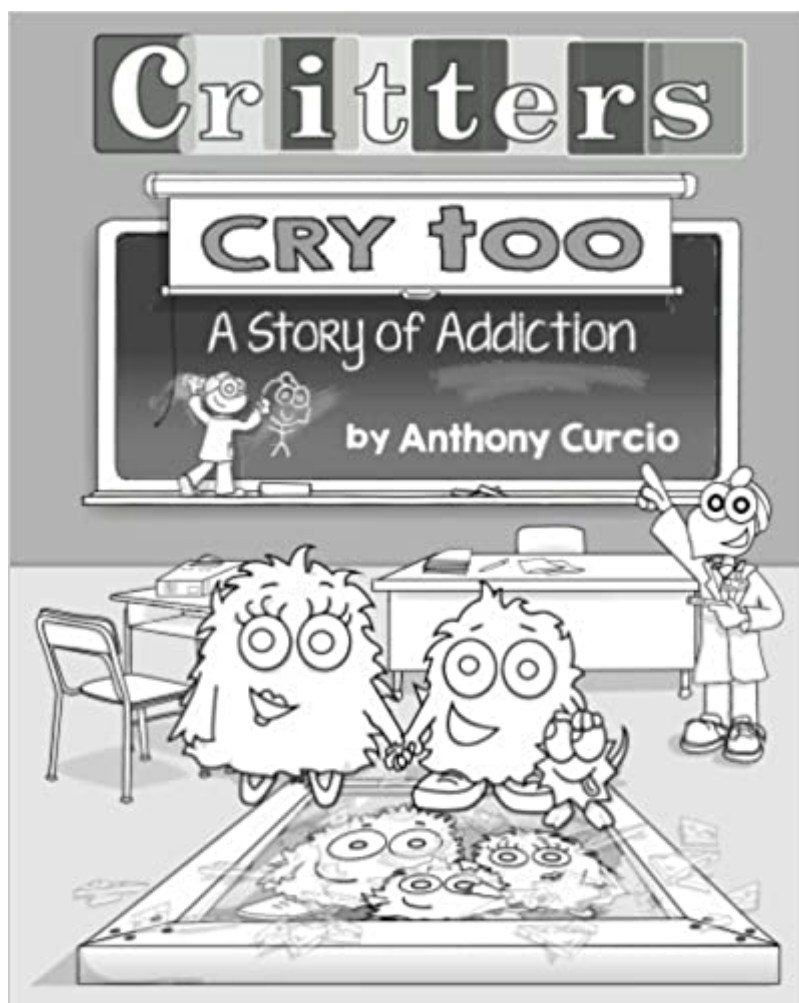


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# Critters Cry Too: Explaining Addiction To Children (Picture Book)



## Synopsis

Critters Cry Too is a fully illustrated (32 page) picture book that explains addiction and feelings associated with this disease in a way that children can easily understand. K-5 This book is a wonderfully created resource that engages children with illustration and humor in order to explain a difficult topic that so many children are faced with. The author tackles difficult feelings and answers questions that would surely arise in a young person's mind who loves someone who is addicted: Is this my fault? Why does \_\_\_\_\_ act like this? Does \_\_\_\_\_ love me? The story encourages children to open up and discuss feelings, as the main character finds this is the only way to stop from being 'madsad'. Very creative and inspirational material, ideal for those working closely with children in this situation. Children's/Emotions/Addiction K-5 Book Description: Critters didn't need much to be happy, a good game of critterball and doing what they loved to do most, talking to each other, was usually enough. But when Whateveritwas (what Critters called cookies) came, all of that changed. Some Critters stopped talking, stopped playing and stopped being themselves. All they wanted was more Whateveritwas. With a broken heart, Calvin had to do something but there wasn't much of anything he could do. Following good advice from an obnoxious insect friend and having a loved one to talk to, Calvin learns how to find himself even while some of the Critters he loves were still lost. Topics Covered: Drug and Alcohol Addiction Understanding irrational/selfish behavior Discussing feelings and the 'Elephant in the Room' Loving someone who is chemically dependant Feeling alone and ashamed Inspires hope and promotes confidence

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Author/Illustrator, Anthony Curcio has a B.A. in Social Sciences from Washington State University and is an educational consultant and speaker. He is the author of several books aimed at helping those affected by addiction and incarceration. Anthony lives in Seattle with his wife and two daughters.

I found *Critters Cry Too* by Anthony Curcio to be an extremely insightful, informative, and entertaining children's book. I heartedly enjoyed reading this moving story of Calvin Critter and his family and their struggles with addiction. The author does an excellent job of tackling and explaining a hard topic to kids. I enjoyed the fun illustrations and the use of some of the words in the story, especially "æmadsad" to describe their critter feelings. There are many things in life that will make a person "æmadsad" and kids and adults can relate easily to the critters' feelings in the book. The story is narrated by Dr. Rhymer Roach, who I found to be quite charming and engaging as the book unfolded. He was my favorite character. Calvin and his family are happy go lucky critters, who love to talk, sleep and best of all play Critterball, a game I wanted to play too as I read the book. Life is great until "æwhateveritwas" is introduced to their peaceful world of Zapatos. "æWhateveritwas" is the substance to which Calvin and his family form an addiction to very quickly. I found the cookie to be a smart kid-friendly representation of a substance or activity that can cause a person's addiction and it was utilized very well in the book. Without giving much away, I was very happy with the ending of this book. I found this book to be a beneficial tool in showing the perils of addiction and how it can affect a user and the people around them. As a child of a parent, who suffered from drug addiction, this would have been a wonderful book to read growing up. It would have helped me understand my father's sickness better and his struggles as an addict and now a recovering addict. This is a **MUST READ** for all kids and should be a staple in library systems. Five stars all around!

This book is so precious, although unfortunate to have to ever need it, it is great to relate the situation to a younger child age group.

This book is awesome. It comes in black and white pictures. I did print it out for my son to color it. It great that cartoons in the book can be any color as my child can imagine. I would say the author should issue the print version, so I don't have cap and print it.

Addiction is hard enough for adults to understand so imagine how hard it is for little ones to

understand. This book was a great way to start the conversation but can be confusing depending on the age. Must continue to talk it out with the little ones. I applaud this book for approaching this very destructive and terribly painful disease for young children to understand. I actually saw a light bulb go off in my son's head when he finally understood what was happening with \*\*\*\*\* and it was because of this book.

This is another great book by a great Author! This book talks about addiction in a cute way in which is very relatable to children. The Critter family is the main focus and they seem like the perfect family until a particular *item* is introduced to their environment. The short read really speaks to children on their level and promotes healthy conversations regarding an emotional topic.

The best of two worlds, a beautiful children book, with nice and funny black and white pictures, and a clear, concise and simple to understand message for the young generations. What more do you want for such a price? I recommend to buy the printed version of the book too.

A great book to explain addiction to those young ones without having to go into detail. It is one I highly recommend for anyone going through this.

Very informative and has become one of my children's' favorites! I would recommend this book to anyone that wants their children to learn more about real problems and what to look out for.

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