Boo Hoo Bird by Jeremy Tankard

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Bird and Raccoon are playing ball, when Bird gets bonked on the head. Boo hoo hoo! he cries. What will make Bird feel better? A kiss? A cookie? A bandaid? Birds friends Raccoon, Rabbit, Beaver, Sheep, and Fox are full of sweet and funny ideas. Perfectly pitched and hilariously imagined, this charming story about a universal experience will put a smile on the face of every child who has suffered a boo-boo and every parent who has struggled to come up with just the right way to give comfort. PRAISE FOR GRUMPY BIRD: - BORDERS ORIGINAL VOICES PICK - REP PICK - FEATURED ON SCHOLASTICS CORPORATE CHALLENGE T-SHIRTS

Now, there is a story worth telling. --The LA Times Tankards deceptively simple tale is a useful tonic for moody kids -- and their parents -- but the best thing about it is the comic perfection of Birds face as he marches along in a fury. --The Wall Street Journal * The message that your friends still love you even when you're in a bad mood -- and that a good walk and some companionship can do wonders -- shines through. --Quill & Quire, starred review A good addition to story times with themes of emotions or imagination. --School Library Journal Tankards illustrations alone will cheer up any bad mood. --Parent & Child Keep this energetic picture book in mind for wee storytime members. -Kirkus Reviews His appealing title and cover close-up of the hero say it all: this uncomplicated paper-over-board book describes a common condition and a way out of a bad mood for surly birds, whatever their species. -Publishers Weekly

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My Personal Review:
After becoming completely smitten with Grumpy Bird, our family was so delighted to follow Bird on a new adventure with his darling band of forest friends. The characters are whimsical indeed, but with just the right dose of reality: not all days are good, and heads sometimes do get bumped. Thankfully, friendship (and distraction by good friends) is the best medicine! Bird is a wonderful preschool anti-hero -- loveable in his orneriness, because we ALL have those moments.

If you are new to Tankard's Bird, I'd definitely start with Grumpy Bird -- it's hard to beat. But for the seasoned Bird veteran, Boo Hoo bird is a welcome sequel.

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