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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 Band-Aid? Bird's 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.

Boo Hoo Bird Details

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Theresa says

The artwork in the book is darling. The expressions of the bird are just too cute.

Edna says

Grumpy Bird is back as Boo Hoo Bird who gets bonked on the head. Leave it to his friends who rally together to make Bird feel better but what happens when they empathize a bit too much? Sweet book about good friends.

Marie says

Nothing seems to make Bird feel better after getting his head bonked, no matter what his friends try. Friends finally make things all better...until the end page.

Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says

Cut book about a bird who gets bump on his head and how the other animal friends try to help him out.

Arminzerella says

Bird and Raccoon are playing catch when the ball bonks Bird in the head. Although Raccoon apologizes profusely and kisses Bird's boo-boo, Bird is inconsolable. Raccoon decides to ask some of their friends for help. Rabbit gives Bird a hug, Beaver gives Bird a cookie, Sheep suggests a game to distract Bird, and Fox puts a band-aid on the boo-boo. Nothing helps. Bird's friends finally burst into tears themselves, crying, "Boo hoo hoo! Nothing is making Bird feel better." All of a sudden Bird feels better! Maybe it's magic, maybe he's suddenly realized he's being a wee bit silly – you decide!

This is a very sweet story, with colorful animal friends who obviously care a great deal about one another. Kids will likely be familiar with at least some of the methods the animals use to try to make Bird feel better – and some will even recognize that Bird is probably overreacting. The story ends with the animals playing another game of catch – can you guess what happens next? Even though Bird is sad, there's nothing sad about this story. You'll find yourself giggling as Bird's friends try to comfort him over and over again.

Bobby says

Another great book both visually and narratively by Tankard. Nice basic premise that even my almost 2 year old could understand.

Lauriehnatiuk says

Students enjoyed the familiar characters and students have given it a thumbs up.

Emily says

I feel a bit guilty about giving this book such a low rating because my almost 3 year old daughter really did enjoy the illustrations. However, I was really disappointed with a story where the main character, who despite his friends' reasonable attempts to comfort him, was inconsolable until all of them were upset and crying too. I was hoping the bird would realize how much his friends cared about him, and that those feelings of being loved would overcome his experience of minor pain. I imagine that is what the author was attempting to convey as well, but it never quite got there for me. Instead we are left with a cry-baby who refuses to be happy until he has made everyone else around him miserable. I think this book might encourage a child's tendency to whine or "ham up" an injury just to get attention or to get what they want. Sorry Boo Hoo Bird!

Margaux says

Great for the preschooler's storytime, with the twist at the end. Kids can always appreciate a good tantrum.

Julia says

Gorgeous illustrations in this story that pokes gentle fun at inconsolable kids.

Martha says

Great for narrative skills or retelling in storytime with props/puppets. Fun book about getting hurt.

Jamie says

Boo Hoo Bird is a simple story that all children can relate to. Bird is playing a game of catch with his friend when you get hit on the head with the ball. Bird cries and cries, and nothing will make his boo-boo feel

better. All of his friends try different ways of getting Bird to feel better. When all of his friends have given up, Bird finally realizes that his boo-boo doesn't hurt so badly after all.

The artwork for this story is done in a classic cartoon style. Children will love the blue bird with his mohawk of feathers. The background art is done in playful colors, and again in a cartoon style. All of the characters are drawn in ways that make the characters not look exactly like the real animal. For example, the bunny's head looks like a giant letter "U" and the badger's head is square. Children will find this cartoonish style entertaining.

All children can relate to Bird's experience. Every child has hurt themselves, made a big deal about it, and then discovered that it doesn't really hurt after all. This story would be perfect for a storytime session about getting hurt, and learning to cope with it. It would be very easy to duplicate Bird for a craft and have the children color him and put Band-Aids on him.

Rossy says

Bird is crying because he got bonked on the head. All his friends are trying to make him feel better, but he keeps on crying, until all his friends give up and THEY start crying. This, apparently, makes bird realize he's not hurting anymore.

So, it's nice to see your friends cry. You go bird! NOT.

Julie says

The text is mildly amusing but what makes this book is the illustrations. I am absolutely in love with this illustrator!

Steven Matview says

Like "Grumpy Bird," "Boo Hoo" bird is a blast to read during storytime. It's got those same great illustrations, too. I find that reading in a "crying voice" is a little more difficult than a grumpy voice but it's still gets laugh, and have the kids pretend to cry whenever one of the story's characters cries is funny.
