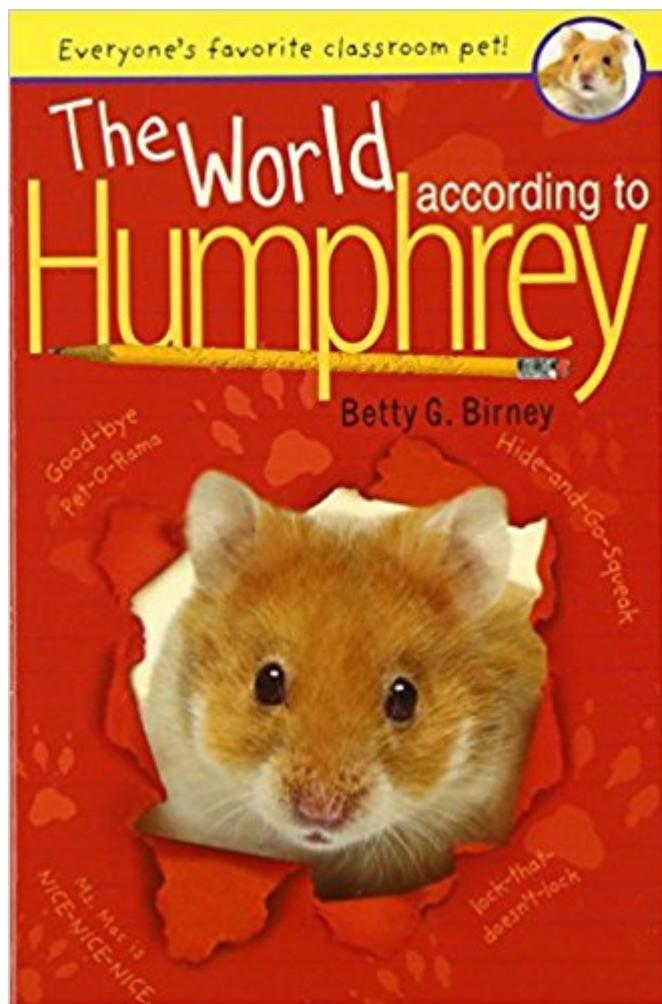


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The World According To Humphrey



Synopsis

The first book in the series about everyone's favorite classroom pet! You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was first brought to Room 26. And boy, is it true! In addition to having FUN-FUN-FUN in class, each weekend this amazing hamster gets to sleep over with a different student, like Lower-Your-Voice-A.J. and Speak-Up-Sayeh. Soon Humphrey learns to read, write, and even shoot rubber bands (only in self-defense, of course). With lots of friends to help, adventures to enjoy, and a cage with a lock-that-doesn't-lock, Humphrey's life is almost perfect. If only the teacher, Mrs. Brisbane, wasn't out to get him! Boys and girls can't help falling in love with Humphrey!

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4-A likable hamster narrates this novel for newly independent readers. A warmhearted substitute teacher brings Humphrey to Room 26, explaining, "You can learn a lot about yourself by taking care of another species." Unfortunately, when Mrs. Brisbane returns to school, she is less than enthusiastic about taking on a class pet, and is unaware of the impact that the hamster has on the students, as well as on the families with whom he spends his weekends. Humphrey manages to bring out hidden courage and kindness in those he visits. He helps the members of one family turn

off the TV and rediscover the pleasure of one another's company; he encourages a shy girl to speak up; and he even helps the principal gain control over his own less-than-obedient offspring. Humphrey's unique opportunity to observe the students, both at school and at home, develops into a compelling picture of Room 26. The hamster's experiences at Mrs. Brisbane's house round out that portrait. Birney succeeds in developing the animal's character without the narrative becoming too cute or contrived. Humphrey's views underscore the importance of knowing the full story before making judgments, and his presence makes a positive difference in the lives of the people he meets. All in all, a winning book that will appeal to children who like tales about animals, school life, and friendship.-Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, NE Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr. 2-5. Humphrey the hamster enjoys being Room 26's classroom pet. He adores Ms. Mac, and every day brings new learning and experiences. Then Ms. Mac unexpectedly leaves; worse, returning teacher Mrs. Brisbane despises small furry creatures--leaving Humphrey both brokenhearted and worried about his future. Going home on weekends with school staff members and students helps, revealing diverse, often surprising stories and situations that allow both Humphrey and his human caretakers to learn from one another. Humphrey, a delightful, irresistible character, is big hearted, observant, and creative, and his experiences, whether escaping a nosy dog or helping an immigrant family speak English, range from comedic to touching. His lively, first-person narrative, filled with witty commentary on human and hamster behavior, makes for an engaging, entertaining read that illustrates "you can learn a lot about yourself by getting to know another species." A wonderful addition to the animal-fiction collection, this story should have wide appeal. Shelle RosenfeldCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Great

My 8-year old son loves this book and has started reading others in the series. This is a step up for him reading on his own. He reads other chapter books but they are generally much shorter and have a few images, like the Magic Treehouse series. I think these are just the right level of challenge for a strong 7-8 year old reader. The stories are great and really hold his interest.

Plan on buying the other editions of these. Very cute story. Kept her interest . For 7 year old she

loves it

My grandson loves reading the Humphrey books. He borrows some from the library, and from I bought recently the book about Humphrey and Pets.

My kids' entire school read this as a community event. They loved listening as I read aloud every night. There is something for the very young and old to learn from little Humphrey.

I read this book with my 7 year old son and we really enjoyed it. My son's take away was don't judge people before you get to know their story. His reading and vocabulary improved as he read each chapter, he loved all the characters.

I read this aloud to my second grade class. They loved it and so did I! It is funny and sweet, and inspired many of them to read other books in the series.

I purchased this book for my daughter as a "reading tool" for her students. She just loved it and hopefully between ourselves we will purchase more editions of Humphrey. I thank the seller so much for shipping the book off to me ASAP.

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