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Sorry Your Lost by Matt Blackstone

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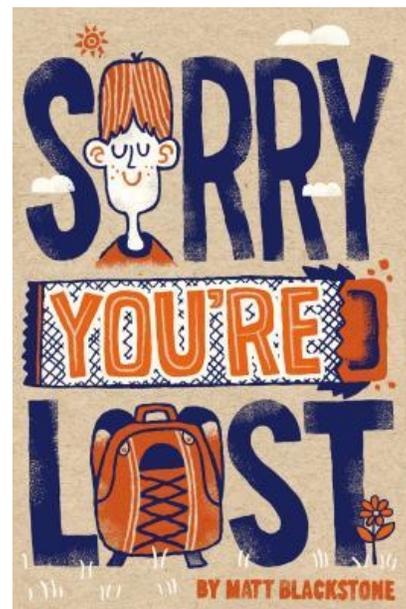
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Review:

This really is not the best time to meet Dennis ‘Donuts’ Murphy. Not if you wanted to get to know the upstanding and prudent young man he could be. You see, Donuts is in the middle of his greatest performance, as the rock star of Blueberry Hills Middle School. Cracking wise for his peers and being a general pain for his teachers has a larger purpose. His behavior is insulating him from what he really feels as he struggles to cope with the very recent loss of his mother. With no distractions offered on the road of the straight and narrow, Donuts and his best friend Manny hatch a devious plan to take hold of the school by its’ sweet tooth. If all goes well it will earn them big bucks and big popularity. Through the experiences Donuts eventually learns to quite squandering his charisma. It is time to be honest, time to save his dad from death by fried chicken, and time to sweep his first love off her feet.

Blackstone presents a very human story from within the mind of a witty young boy. As is natural for young boys, many of his thoughts are long winded and written in a stuttering manner that seems a little too familiar by the final chapters. While the story is honest in terms of how easy it could be to skip class and fall behind in life, the moral does bloom at the very end into a small but happy flower. Because this story is dedicated to the lost, there is a lot of feelings of loneliness, but Blackstone does show us an amusing view of how someone could cope and make their way to the top again.

Reviewer: Brittney Johansen

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