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Book Review

Title: Exclamation Mark
Author: Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Illustrator: Tom Lichtenheld
Reviewer: Liz Kazandzhy
Publisher: Scholastic Press
Publication Year: 2013
ISBN: 9780545436793
Number of Pages: 56
Interest Level: Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult
Rating: Outstanding



Review

This is the story about an exclamation mark. He did everything he could to fit in with the periods, but nothing seemed to work. Eventually, when he was ready to pack up and run away, he crosses paths with a question mark, who (naturally) starts asking him questions. Annoyed by all the interrogation, the exclamation mark yells for him to stop... thus finding his true voice! He starts to experiment with exclamations, starting from a little "Hi!" and making his way to bigger and louder words like "Congratulations!" He races back to show the other grammar signs what he can do, and they stare at him with admiration before he goes off again to continue his exciting, exclamatory life.

If you're thinking that a book about grammar would be boring and/or strange, think again! This book will pique your interest the minute you open it, keep you engaged with every page, bring you laughter and contemplation, and ultimately promote an invaluable lesson of embracing who you are. The combination of text and illustrations is delightfully creative, and the storyline is truly a plot, complete with characters, conflict, and resolution. This book is highly recommend for anybody because the story itself is so entertaining and the message so universal.