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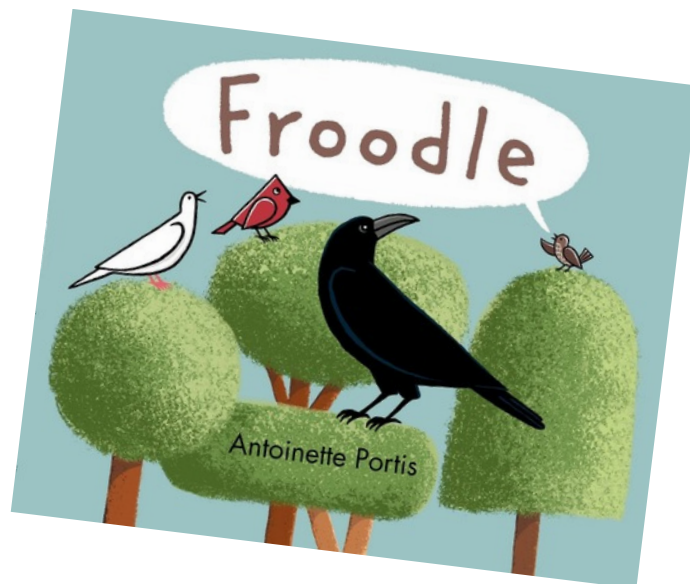
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# Book Review

**Title:** Froodle  
**Author:** Antoinette Portis  
**Reviewer:** Liz Kazandzhy  
**Publisher:** Roaring Brook Press  
**Publication Year:** 2014  
**ISBN:** 9781596439221  
**Number of Pages:** 32  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

Little Brown Bird always says “peep,” just like Crow says “caw,” Dove says “coo,” and Cardinal says “chip.” But one day, Little Brown Bird wants to say something else... so he does—“froodle sproodle!” Crow isn’t amused and insists he stick with “peep,” but Little Brown Bird just can’t help himself. He keeps shouting silly phrases, and soon even Dove and Cardinal join in on the silliness. Crow flies away, appalled at the silliness and convinced that there’s no such thing as a silly crow. But soon enough, he rejoins his friends with a blurted “Wuppy!” and from then on, everyone in the neighborhood has enjoyed making whatever fun sounds they wanted.

If there was one word to describe this book, it would be... silly! In the very best sense of the word. The subtle message here is about breaking out of the norm, trying new things, letting go of inhibitions, and just having fun! Though it’s a short story, you’ll find that each of the birds has a unique personality, and it’s very fun to watch how they interact with each other and move the storyline along. Also, there is humor that both children and adults would appreciate. Sometimes the narrative text gets lost among the illustrations, but the words that kids will enjoy the most clearly stick out in the birds’ speech bubbles. The sharp and beautifully drawn illustrations, along with the silly, rhyming text it contains, will surely make this book a hit!