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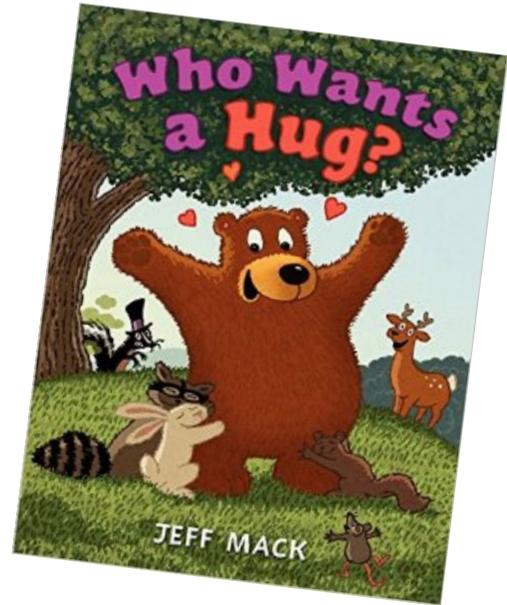
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Book Review

Title: Who Wants a Hug?
Author: Jeff Mack
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ISBN: 9780062220264
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

Everyone likes Bear, especially when he gives them big hugs. Nobody like Skunk, who gives free slugs. Bear tries to convince Skunk to let him give him a hug, but Skunk says nobody ever hugs a skunk. Skunk decides to make Bear smell bad so that nobody wants to hug him. The plan backfires, making Skunk smell instead, but Bear still offers to give him a hug. After trying and failing to make Bear unhugable, Skunk finally accepts a hug and decides that he likes them after all, if Bear is still willing to hug him.

This book is full of soft, fuzzy illustrations that make the woodland animals look huggable on paper. The characters of Bear and Skunk are funny and cute. It's a great story about forgiving people for being mean and being friendly even when there is a situation where you might not want to be. It's somewhat slapstick, but even adults will smile at the illustrations and the idea of a Bear wanting to hug a Skunk and the challenges that might cause.