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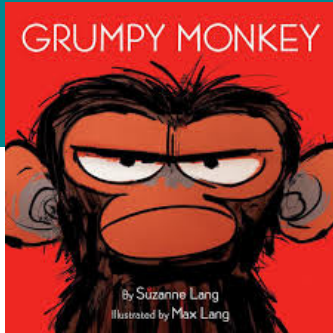
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Book Review

Grumpy Monkey



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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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32

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Random House Books

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All of Jim Panzee's friends think he is grumpy and tell him so. Jim insists to each of his friends that he is NOT grumpy. Everything is just off. He tries to fake a good mood with a big smile and raised eyebrows, and all kinds of fun activities, but nothing changes how he feels inside. He feels bad for yelling at everyone and he thinks his friend, Norman the gorilla, might be grumpy too, but the gorilla had a sore tush from a porcupine. Norman and Jim decide that it is a good day to be grumpy. They start to feel a little better.

What a lovable book! Goofy, grumpy, humorous illustrations light up every page. The monkey is grumpy and his scale in comparison to the other animals is balanced by his completely unhappy face. His constant denial is belied by every element of his face and form. It's a relief when he finally decides to just have his mood and get it over with. Go on a jaunt through the jungle with this recalcitrant chimp and his well meaning friends. Great book!