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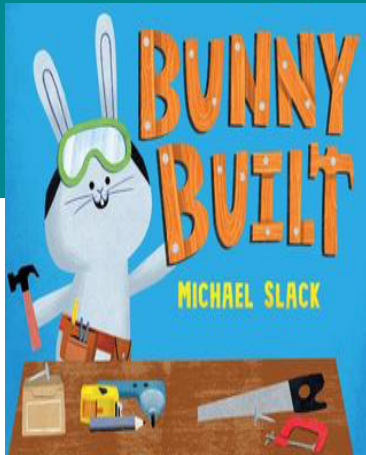
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Preschool, Primary

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LaRue is a handy bunny. He has all the tools and trucks he could ever need. The one thing he doesn't have is carrots. He sets off to ask his friends if they have any. They all used to, but his bird friend's house blew away (with the carrots), his turtle friend's boat sank (with the carrots), and squirrel gave beaver her table to fix his dam. Squirrel did, however, have a rock to sit on and eat her acorns. LaRue comes to find out that that "rock" is actually a carrot seed! He gets to work planting it, watering it, and waiting for it. When he finally gets his enormous carrot out of the ground, he uses it to build a house, a boat, and a table for his friends. What seems, at first, like a selfish desire of a bunny, turns out to be a blessing for all his friends.

This picture book is sure to draw in animal-loving, friendship-appreciating young readers. The illustrations were created digitally by author-illustrator Michael Slack. Cute thought bubbles make the illustrations include even more of a story than the text itself. Each animal friend has an unusual but adorable name. Slack makes the text fun by using alliteration with words including dug, dumped, dozed, and doused, all on the same page! One page spread has to be turned on its side in order to read the words and see the illustrations right-side up. He also includes onomatopoeia. Even the end pages have darling illustrations on them!