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Book Review

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Stripy Ted begins his life with golden stripes, two black buttons for eyes, and all his limbs intact. As Stripy Ted and his owner go on imaginative adventures, Stripy Ted gets a little beat up. His stripes fade with dirt and time. He loses a button and a few limbs, but Stripy Ted doesn’t get discouraged. The owner’s mother even offers to mend him, but Stripy’s owner likes him just as he is. Plus, they’re too busy going on adventures! Turns out, it’s actually easier to hold a bear that has fewer limbs, and the two can still snuggle in bed together like always.

If a parent is trying to help a child get rid of a ragged stuffed animal or blanket, this is not the book to read. This story captures the love between a boy and his teddy bear that starts looking less and less like a bear. The illustrations in this book make this boy’s teddy bear come to life, as well as a dragon that they come across in their imaginative travels. This book is best suited for little boys ages two to six with imaginations, and maybe even a teddy bear best friend too. The text is actually a long poem, with vivacious verbs and occasional sweet dialogue between the boy and his bear.