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Taylor builds an amazing tower out of blocks, but it is suddenly knocked down. The chicken wants Taylor to talk about it, the bear wants Taylor to yell about it, and the elephant wants Taylor to rebuild it. More animals suggest different ways that Taylor can handle this problem. Finally, the rabbit shows up. He sits in silence next to Taylor and simply listens. The rabbit stays with Taylor as he experiences different emotions all related to his ruined tower. After a while, Taylor wants to begin rebuilding his tower, and the rabbit helps, supporting Taylor the whole time.

This book has an incredible message about empathy, caring, being a good friend when someone is going through a difficult time, and the different emotions that one could feel when faced with a challenge or tough situation. Children learn how they can help others by being like the rabbit. Readers will also learn how it is okay to feel a variety of feelings, like Taylor. This book includes simple sentences and illustrations, yet makes a large impact on the reader.