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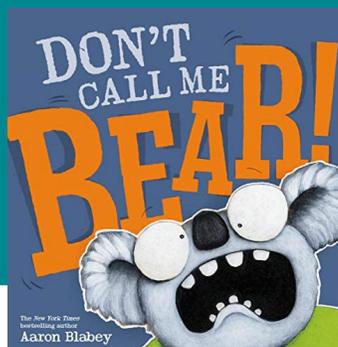
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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22

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Warren the Koala would like the whole world to know that he is not a bear. He is a marsupial, like kangaroos and possums. He doesn't eat fish or frighten hikers. He doesn't even live where bears do. He lives in Australia. There are no wild bears in Australia. Using diagrams and examples to demonstrate, Warren explains politely and eventually screams loudly in protest, but no matter what he tries, everyone still calls him bear.

Warren may not sway readers to stop calling him a bear, but he'll put a smile on their faces. This lively koala is hilariously passionate about being called by his proper name. There is a little educational content in this book as he briefly mentions Captain Cook and explains what a marsupial is, but for the most part the book is for entertainment. The comments made by Warren and other animals are funny and the illustrations give the characters detailed facial expressions that bring them to life. As Warren's frustration grows the font of his words becomes bigger and bolder, and his facial expressions and apparent body language becomes more extravagant and adamant. This is an engaging book that should prove especially enjoyable for children from preschool to early elementary.