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Read This Book If You Don't Want a Story

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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Primary

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Pages

36

Year

2019

ISBN

97808884487050

Publisher

Tilbury House Publishers

A red book dressed in cowboy attire is trying his hardest not to tell a story. He struggles to keep his pages in line, while they continue to pester him and offer suggestions. Even with their creative ideas and characters, he does not want to fill his pages with anything. But the book's real problem is a lack of confidence in himself, and with a little help from the pages, characters, and reader, this book is finally able to gain the courage he needs to tell his own tale.

The creative illustrations do a good job of adding extra, fun details to the story with bold, bright colors that add to both the energetic and gloomy moods throughout the book. Interactive pages allow the reader to help the self-doubting book by giving him a hug, followed by a shake, further integrating the reader as a part of the solution. One major theme of this book is that everyone has a story to share. Elementary-aged children could read this book to encourage them to use their creativity to write their own stories.