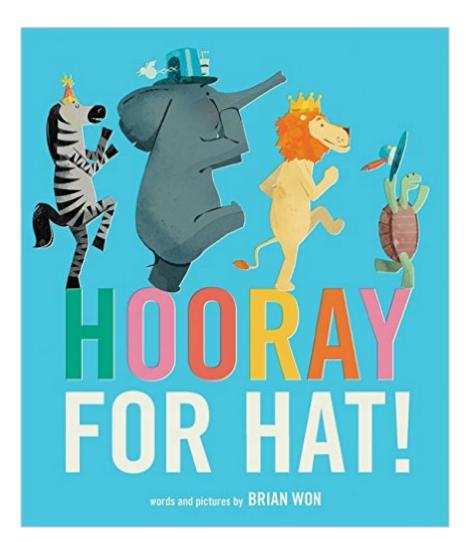


# **Hooray For Hat!**





# Synopsis

Elephant wakes up grumpyâ "until ding, dong! Whatâ <sup>™</sup>s in the surprise box at the front door? A hat! HOORAY FOR HAT! Elephant marches off to show Zebra, but Zebra is having a grumpy day, tooâ "until Elephant shares his new hat and cheers up his friend. Off they march to show Turtle! The parade continues as every animal brightens the day of a grumpy friend. An irresistible celebration of friendship, sharing, and fabulous hats.

## **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: AD230L (What's this?) Hardcover: 40 pages Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers; 1 edition (June 3, 2014) Language: English ISBN-10: 0544159039 ISBN-13: 978-0544159037 Product Dimensions: 9 x 0.4 x 10.5 inches Shipping Weight: 14.9 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (54 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #67,341 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #72 in Books > Children's Books > Animals > Elephants #171 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Fiction #264 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Values Age Range: 4 - 7 years Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Brian Won's debut picture book celebrates the power of small acts of kindness, when received or given out, to transform your mood and perspective on situations. What starts out as a grumpy day for elephant quickly becomes reason to celebrate when an unexpected package is delivered to his front doorstep. Inside is the box is an assortment of colorful hats, all of which Elephant dons at once, one on top of the other. As Elephant cheers, "HOORAY FOR HAT!", the thought comes to mind that he should visit his friend, Zebra. The story progresses as such, as the growing band of animals visits grumpy friends and changes each new friend's mood with the gift of a hat and the infectiousness of good company. All throughout, Won's illustrations place the characters at central focus with little to no background illustration apart from what is needed for context (a handrail here, a stump there). One detail that especially caught my eye was the look of anticipation on the faces of each of the

hat-wearing friends as they approach the next grumpy friend. The expression is always one of concern and contemplation, leaving space for the reader to offer up how the animals can cure their friend's grumpiness. With a hat, of course!The text art in each exclamation of "Hooray for hat!" is colorful, offsetting the otherwise black inked type, and appears larger and larger with each new friend encounter. Readers will pick up on this detail for sure, raising their voices louder and louder as they cheer, "HOORAY FOR HAT!".Brian Won has created a memorable picture book that not only celebrates the importance of contagious happiness, but also reminds us to pay forward those random acts of kindness.(Full review posted at http://www.busylibrarian.com/2014/08/hooray-for-hat-by-brian-won-houghton.html)

My 3 year-old son's reading time was filled with silly frowns and giddy giggles while my 1 year-old loved watching his big brother raise his hands, cheering, "Hooray for Hat!" with all the beautifully illustrated animals. Sweet, simple joy for our children. We love this book!

I had started to see people instagramming and facebooking about this book, so I wanted to see why it was receiving so much buzz.... lucky for us, a sweet friend bought this book for us as a gift for my 2 1/2 year old son. As soon as we read it to my son, I could totally see why kids (and parents!) love it. The story is short and sweet with an amazing and heartfelt message about sharing and spreading happiness to others. The illustrations and animals are beautifully captivating... enough so for my son to sit and read the whole book with me!My son usually has a hard time sitting through one book and gets easily distracted, which has been a struggle for me because I want him to read more books. So the fact that he sat there, wanted me to read it (I read it seven times within a span of five minutes!!!) and turn the pages himself was a huge pro for me!!!First thing my son did after his nap was bring this book to me to read. Lol! He especially loves the owl saying "Hoo Hoo Hooray for hat!" part! He can't get enough.Another great thing about this book is that you can do a lot of activities using themes from the book (my friend made hats!) and there is a free activity kit that goes along with it: [...]... all perfect for a SAHM like me!Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Who knew a box of hats could turn frowns upside down! This endearing book shows how sharing and caring is one of the greatest gifts in life. Passing along smiles from a box of hats - this book will surely bring a smile to anyone's face as well.

Beautifully illustrated with a timeless message! This book is a valuable story about friendship that

can be instilled in children from an early age as they develop their reading skills and are entertained by the vibrantly colored characters. Do your family a favor and pick this one up right away! (PS if I had Disney money, I would option this to develop into feature length animated movie!)

Great story filled with cute and creative animals my niece throughly enjoyed! The story was inspirational and the art was wonderful and it is definitely a family favorite now!!! Cant wait to share this with my nephews and other family! Brian Won is truly a talented man!

This is a wonderful book to read aloud!!!! My 3 year old loves it, and now enjoys reading it to her baby brother. There are many portions of the story that allow for made up voices, acting out scenarios, and where the child can insert their own views of the story.

Great repeated phrases and colorful pictures. My 2 year old loves this book! She loves copying the grumpy elephant by folding her arms and saying, "I'm grumpy" and then she loves yelling, "Horray for HAT!"

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