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Gloria was glum and grumpy

Out of sorts.

Sad and lumpy.

A brand-new doll?

It's time to pout!

Gloria felt so left out.

Poor Gloria the bulldog thinks she has lost her best friend when the little girl who owns her receives a doll as a birthday present. Suddenly the girl Gloria does everything with now does everything with her new doll! But Gloria can't exactly tell anyone why she's upset, so the girl's brother and sister figure that Gloria just needs some cheering up. Maybe a bath? Or a game of dress-up? Or a bike ride? Things go from silly to hysterical, but in the end Gloria is happily reunited with her best friend.

Grumpy Gloria Details

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Heidi-Marie says

The rhymes were fun. The pictures were enjoyable and my favorite part of the book--very telling of the emotions, at least with Gloria. The story was OK, though it started to get a little old for me. While this could work for a storytime, I'm not quite attached enough to it (right now) to help convey it to the kids. I might be able to in a lap-read.

Melanie says

From the author/illustrator of the popular "Llama Llama" books comes the story of Gloria the Bulldog. Gloria is grumpy because her girl had a birthday party and got a new doll. Toys, bathing, dress-up... Nothing improves Gloria's mood. Then the kids decide to take her for a ride in the basket of a bicycle. Suddenly there's a crash! Gloria finds herself in the baby bassinet with the new doll. And a smile!

Rather simplistic and not nearly as good as the Llama books, but still enjoyable.

Hannah Guerra says

This is a fun picture book that is good for students in pre-school, kindergarten, and 1st grade. It follows a bulldog named Gloria and the family she lives with. Gloria is very grumpy and her family tried doing all sorts of things to cheer her up, but none of them seem to work. In the end, we see that all she wanted was to spend time with her family, and she becomes happy again. This book has a theme of animals and pet love.

Samantha Matiz says

This is a really cute book with great illustrations. Grumpy Gloria is about a dog who is in a bad mood but her owners try a lot of different things to make her feel better. At the end of the story after the owners try so many things to make her day better, Gloria gets a break and she suddenly is not grumpy anymore.

Anthony says

Gloria has a best friend, but then her friend gets a new friend, and that's what makes Gloria grumpy. Read to find out if anything will cheer up Gloria, or will she remain grumpy forever.

Angie says

Not quite what I was expecting but still hopefully will teach some skills to the kiddo.

Deb says

This is a lesser known book from the author of the popular "Llama, Llama" series. We received our family copy from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library several years ago, and it quickly became a family favorite.

I personally enjoy reading books that rhyme to young children. I just think they're more fun to read. This story made both my boys laugh and laugh when they were little. I added some of my own animation to go along with the story, which helped (doesn't everyone do that when they read to kids?).

Mary says

Another rhyming story written and illustrated by the beloved Anna Dewdney. Not as appealing as the Llama Llama books, but still good for the youngest listeners who are learning about feelings. An adult may need to re-explain the reason Gloria is grumpy, and why she is not grumpy in the end.

Julie says

Adorable.

Kiera Turner says

Such a cute book! Great book to introduce if discussing feelings in the classroom, but also great for rhyming words as well. I love the pictures and the use of academic language such as sullen and sulky.

Dolly says

Cute story about trying to cheer a pet up. The narrative is bouncy and rhyming, so it flows nicely. And the illustrations are very funny. We really enjoyed Anna Dewdney's Llama Llama books, so when we found this book at our local library, we just knew we'd have to check it out. It's a fun and silly read, although I did caution our girls not to do to our pets many of the things these children did to their pet.

Alexandria says

This classically illustrated book tells the story of a delightful pup named Gloria. Gloria's best friend - the youngest child in her family of humans - gets a new doll and suddenly has a lot less time for Gloria! And no matter how hard the older two children try to cheer Gloria up, she's not having any of it! Everything they try

just reminds Gloria of how much she misses her best friend. Of course it's all resolved in the end and Gloria learns that getting a new friend doesn't mean that you have to leave the old ones behind.

It may be a story about a dog and her human, but it's pretty easy to see the "lesson" in this one. With lovely watercolor illustrations, this is a perfect book for four to six year olds who may be dealing with the reality of having to share their friends with more than one person. It can be a hard lesson to learn but, with a little help from Gloria, it might be just a smidge easier.

Janna says

The front cover of this book tells us that it will be about a grumpy dog. It also sets the mood by using hairy looking, big letters and a red background to emphasize that this book is about a dog that's not so happy. Throughout the book the expressions on the characters' faces help to show the mood. Something that I found interesting was reading the back flap that gives a little information about the author and also reveals her inspiration for writing this book. There is good use of an illustration on the dedication page to give background information about how the story begins. The two pages before the dedication page also send the message that Gloria isn't always a grumpy dog because she looks happy in all the pictures on these two pages at the beginning and end of the book.

Carly says

Grumpy Gloria is a cute story about an adorable bulldog who feels displaced when her friend gets a brand-new doll. A bath, a game of dress-up and bike ride do little to cheer her up. Gloria just wants her friend back! The rhyming text is perfect for a novice reader. The illustrations- barring the delightful depictions of Gloria's grumpiness-are unremarkable.

Tracy Holland says

Gloria, the grumpy dog, is fickle about just about everything when his owner has a friend come to visit.
