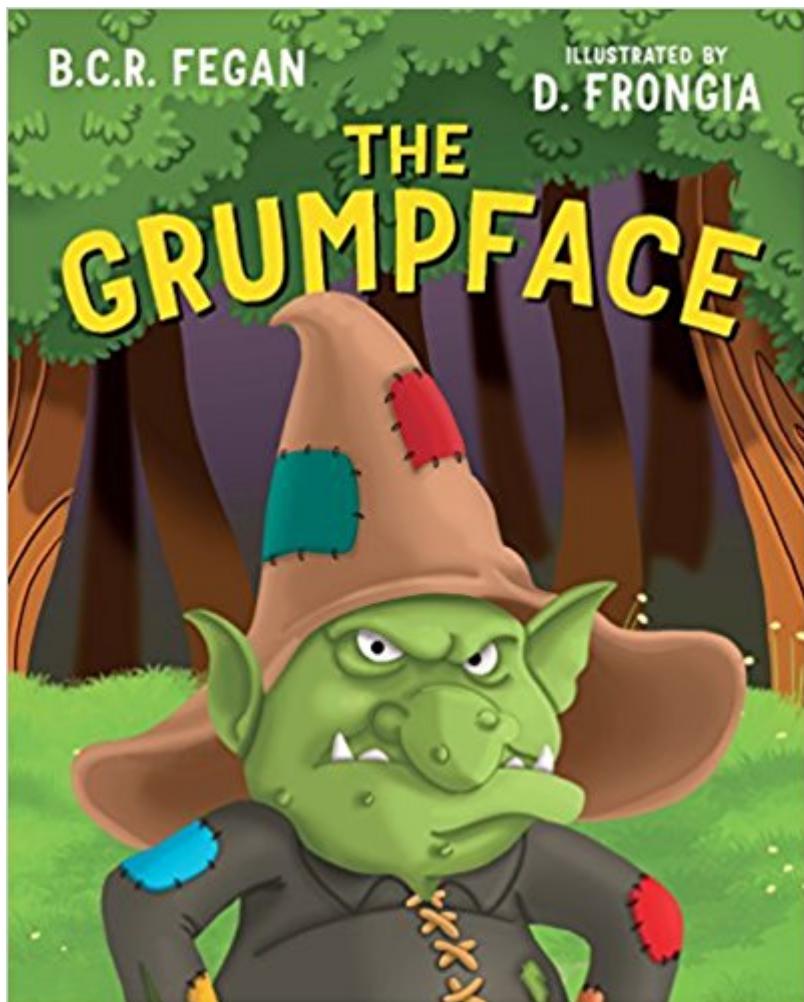


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The Grumpface



Synopsis

The Grumpface is a poetic fairy-tale that tells the story of Dan, an inventor who ventures into a forest looking for a rose. Instead he finds the mysterious Grumpface who threatens to hold him captive unless he passes some difficult challenges. What follows is a humorous adventure that neither Dan nor the Grumpface could have anticipated. "The Grumpface" is a tale in the spirit of any grand adventure. It is about a clumsy young inventor's quest for love, and the challenges he must face to find it. But it is also a tale of bravery, absurdity and happiness, and the power of these qualities over negativity and sheer grumpiness. Every parent will be acquainted with their own little "grumpface" now and then. This story stands as a small piece of hope " that no matter how ingrained the grump, there will always remain in every one of us a smile or a laugh just waiting to come out.

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Customer Reviews

"All of Dan's interactions with the Grumpface are delightful, and Fegan's competent and clever rhymes scan well." "A skillful fairy tale..." - Kirkus Reviews"Overall, readers young and old will appreciate this tale of a bumbling but valiant hero who puts his own spin on a classic quest. The Grumpface is an entertaining book worthy of multiple readings." - BlueInk Review"The Grumpface is light and fun, and the grumpiness and daftness of its leads are sure to set children

giggling." - Foreword Clarion Reviews "Sweet and funny picture book with vivid illustrations and clever rhyming text. Emphasises the value of positivity and laughter." - The Bookbag

Dan is a young inventor in love. He ventures into a forest looking for a rose but instead finds the mysterious Grumpface who threatens to hold him captive unless he passes some difficult challenges. What follows is a humorous adventure that neither Dan nor the Grumpface could have anticipated.

Australian author BCR Fegan writes fairy tales and fantasies for children and young adults. Passionate about the extremes of nature's palette of expression and the wonders of the beaches and scenic splendors of Australia, he transforms this elevation of the spirit into his works. A devotee of the great writers of the past and the present, Fegan begins to enter their ranks with his sophisticated fluent prose and atmospheric imagination. At present he is molding all of these aspects into books for children - and for those who have that open mindedness of children. THE GRUMPFACE soars, accompanied by illustrations of Daniela Frongia. The rhyming style of the book incorporates so much of Fegan's gift "In a land far away, at a time long ago, was the Village of Ha near the Forest of Ho. In the midst of the forest, in the darkest place, Lived a grumpy old creatures that called the Grumpface." And in this space of imagination and magic, a place where travelers were trapped until they respond to Grmpface's challenges, enters a quiet young man named Dafty Dan who longs for the attention of a lass named Bella who sells flowers across from his shop. He dreams of a rose one night and decides that is the perfect gift for Bella. Dan enters the Forest of Ho, encounters Grumpface who traps him and will only let him leave if he performs three tasks. Dan commits to the challenge and in winning his assignments he makes a startling discovery about Grumpface " who makes a significant change! Dan finds the rose, and Bella's heart and it is a happy ever after ending. Not only is the story rich in imagination and entertainment but it also delivers a fine lesson on outlook and how to change a grump into a giggle. Absolutely first rate children's book by a natural author! Grady Harp, April 17

One of the joys of childhood is sitting with someone and reading a favorite story over and over again. The kind of story that sticks with you, and works its way into your heart. The Grumpface is that kind of story. It is about a grumpy old man that is cursed and lives in the forest of Ho. He captures unsuspecting travelers that get lost in the forest and they must complete a

challenge to earn their freedom. If they cannot complete any of the three challenges they are trapped in the forest forever. In this story an inventor named Daffy Dan is looking for a rose to win the love of a girl named Bella. Bella sells flowers in the village but longs for a rose that she cannot grow. Dan thinks that if he can bring Bella a rose, he will have the courage to finally speak to her and win her heart. As he searches the forest of Ho, he gets caught by Grumpface and must find a way to escape or he will never have the chance to see Bella and tell her how he feels. The first thing that grabbed me about this book, was the amazing illustrations. Grumpface at his worst is still funny enough to not frighten my four-year-old daughter. She fell in love with this book the first time she saw me reading it and saw the bright pink bird in the first challenge. The images throughout are all done with detail and colors that draw you into the story more. They complement the text in an artistic way as well as helping convey the emotions. The rhythm of the rhyming makes the story entertaining and flow smoothly. It is perfect for young readers, but not too silly that it will make parents want to hide the book after a week. One of the great morals of the story is to find the humor in life even when things don't go your way. Daffy Dan is clumsy and riddled with bad luck it seems, it makes him relatable to young readers that are often clumsy themselves. Dan's creative inventions all sound like great ideas and spark the imagination of readers as well. Grumpface is like the teacher or parent that just stares in disbelief at the crazy things Dan does. Together the pair make a memorable story that will leave you laughing. B.C.R. Fegan and D. Frongia have created a beautiful and enchanting tale with The Grumpface. They manage to convey the fear and concern of Dan throughout the story, the disappointment he feels as things don't go his way, and the joy he feels as he thinks he finally got it. The story touches the hearts of adults and keeps children entertained. It teaches morals of persistence, compassion, and friendship. This is a book you will want to keep on hand to read for years to come.

The Grumpface by B.C.R. Fegan is a fun childrens book about the value of finding happiness in life. Without giving away too much, the Grumpface is a sort of troll living in a forest near a small village. The Grumpface came about when an old man came across a wizard who cursed him because he would never smile. Now, he stays in the forest and captures anyone he comes across. When he captures them, he gives them three seemingly impossible tasks to accomplish. If they complete even one of them, he will set them free. The problem is, no one has ever completed any of the tasks. Enter Dan, an inventor in town who has fallen in love with a local girl who sells flowers. There is only one thing she wants: a rose because she can not get any to grow. So, Dan decides he will go into the forest and use his inventions to find her a rose so that she will finally take notice of him.

Unfortunately, Dan becomes lost in the forest and soon comes face-to-face with the dreaded Grumpface. The Grumpface is a short read but teaches strong lessons. At its core, it focuses on the importance of smiling and finding ways to be happy with your life. After all, no one wants to be thought of as a Grumpface. The illustrations are done very well, and the story is told in poem form. At first the poem aggravated me because I could not find a syllable pattern. But, when I looked at it as more of a free verse rhyming poem it became much more fun. The author has done a great job of creating a fun word that kids of many ages will enjoy. I look forward to more work from this author.

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