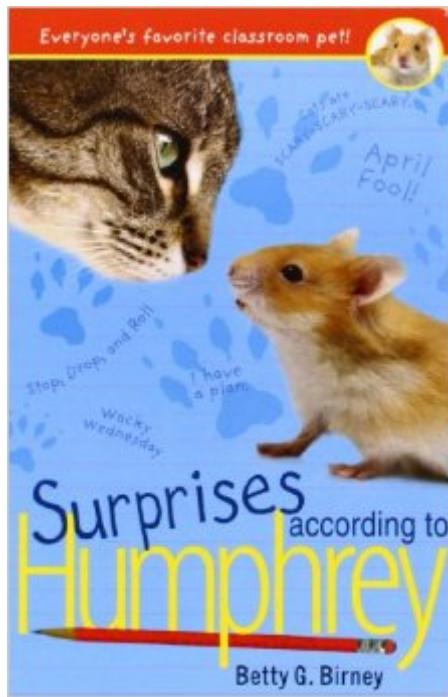


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# Surprises According To Humphrey



## **Synopsis**

A classroom hamster has to be ready for anything, but suddenly there are LOTS-LOTS-LOTS of big surprises in Humphrey's world. Some are exciting, like a new hamster ball. But some are scary, like a run-in with a cat and a new janitor who might be from another planet. But even with all that's going on, Humphrey finds time to help his classmates with their problems. But will Mrs. Brisbane's unspeakable surprise be too much for Humphrey to handle?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

I am a third grade teacher and once my school librarian handed me the first of the series, I was hooked. I then read it aloud to my class and we went Humphrey crazy (girls and boys)! We checked out Betty's website and entered a contest-we couldn't get enough! My students were ordering their own copies at home and reading them and borrowing them. I have read all of the books thus far in the series and each one is so creatively written it's just amazing. Beware that kids do want a class pet after reading it!!!

Humphrey is one of those characters that will entertain young readers, and parents. I love reading with my son. These books are so fun and have such great stories to tell. Betty G. Birney is an

excellent writer and knows how to keep a child's interest in reading. Excellent series!

I bought this book and thought it was great! People think it looks babyish but it's really for about everyone who can read. I read this book to my little cousin (5 years old) and she loves it just as much as I do. I also gave it to my mother to read and she said its awesome! All good readers deserve to read a great book like this one. My librarian at my school reads it during story time. So what are you waiting for? Buy Surprises According to Humphrey and all the other humphrey books!

I love the books about Humphrey. They are so well written that I can see Humphrey doing all the things that Betty has him doing. I have been buying these for my great niece and she has really enjoyed them.

My daughter and I have read all the Humphrey books and are looking forward to reading the new one. The books are sweet, clever and perfect to read together. Be warned, though, you'll probably be asked to get a hamster...they seem pretty hard to resist after reading a few Humphrey books!

These books are just wonderful. A must have for any child that has, or wishes for a hamster... or any animal lover for that matter. A teacher let my son borrow the first in this series and that was it. We have them all. They are so cleverly written and subtly expand on a variety of situations and emotions that kids experience each day. Thanks Betty G. Birney! We love your writing style.

My son (third grade) absolutely loves this series of books. I guess he can relate to it because it all takes place in a public school classroom, and covers many problems that children his age deal with. For example, there is one child who is a foster child of a single parent, another child who is painfully shy, a third who has problems paying attention, etc. The main character is a classroom pet hamster named Humphrey. He knows how to slip out of his cage at night and sometimes help solve problems for the students by doing sneaky things. This particular book also has a nautical/pirate component that some boys might especially like, as the classroom is preparing for a toy boat race at the lake.

Son loves this series. His first grade teacher started to read them to the kids in class. I like that they cover some life lessons in a format my son likes. Entertaining enough for me to read while he is learning to read.

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