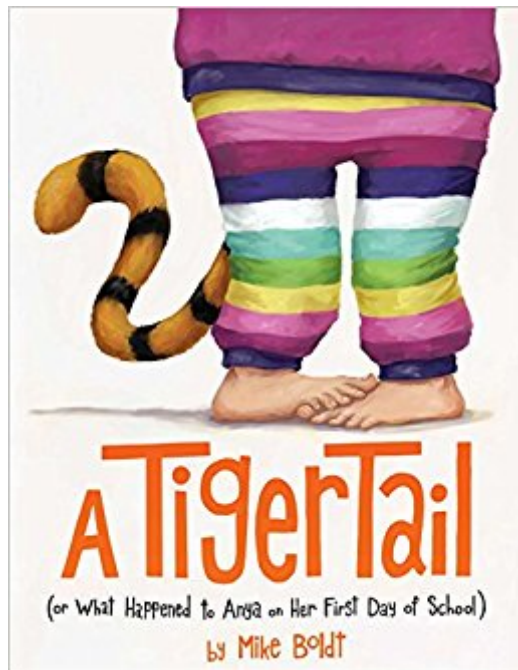




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A Tiger Tail: (Or What Happened To Anya On Her First Day Of School)



Synopsis

From the creative mind of rising star Mike Boldt comes a hilarious and original tale about overcoming back-to-school jitters, making new friends, and taking things in stride. Anya wakes up to discover that she has grown a tiger tail. Yes, a striped tiger tail. It also happens to be the first day of school. What will the other kids think? Are girls with tiger tails even allowed to go to school?! Anya is about to find out.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 **4.0** stars • In this colorful picture book, Anya wakes up for her first day of first grade "only to discover that overnight she had grown a tiger tail." She imagines all the possible disasters that could ensue once she gets to school, although her parents reassure her that the tail suits her and that it is perfectly normal to be nervous about a change in one's appearance. However, after her every attempt to miss school is thwarted, Anya meets bunny-eared Ben on her way in and finds that the tail isn't such a big deal. After all, it does go well with her wild hair, she reflects. The digital cartoon artwork is appropriately silly and exaggerated without being over-the-top. Although it is easy to imagine this work entertaining readers, it is harder to imagine it resonating with them, despite its near-universal theme. Any connection between the tail and real-world counterparts is tenuous at

best, and the origin of the tail is never explained. VERDICT With so many other engaging back-to-school books available, this one merits no more than a passing glance. An additional purchase, at best. — Anna Stover, Poughkeepsie Day School, NY

— “Boldt has a fine idea and the pictures to match: his digitally rendered images have a painterly, acrylic texture and sculptural exaggeration that dovetail well with the humorously over-the-top situation.” (Publishers Weekly)

Adorable illustrations to go with an entertaining children's story!! Fun to read!

Disappointed. Very short book with few words. Not much of a story line. Great illustrations but leaves the reader to create a moral or conclusion.

Great story to use in the classroom on the first day!

Great!

On Anya's first day of school she wakes up to find that she has grown a tiger's tail! Oh No! Her parents tell her not to worry, that it goes well with her red hair and wild side, but Anya is not comforted. She does everything she can think of to get rid of her tail, but nothing works. She will have to go to school with it. How will the other student's react? Will they even let a girl with a tiger's tail go to school? Anya will find out. My Thoughts-This is a delightful picture book that looks at the subject of fitting in and self esteem in a new light. It is perfect for young readers. Anya is horrified at what people will think of her with a tiger's tail. She tries to take it off, hide it, or just miss the bus, but as all kids will learn, they have to go to school anyway. Once Anya gets there she finds out she is not the only one who is different. In fact, even the teacher looks a bit different. This story will teach kids that it is okay to be different from others, not only that, but that you should accept yourself for who you are. It also helps a child to learn that they should judge others either. I loved the big bold pictures and vivid colors. There are great bits of comedy in both the writing and the art. Anya's character has such great expressions. She is fun to watch as she runs about and panics. Children will understand first day or back to school jitters and will enjoy an extreme take on a very normal problem. So cute. 4 stars!

On the first day of school, Anya woke up to realize that she had grown a tiger tail, not pig tails in her hair, but a real live black and orange tiger tail. From tugging to pulling, Anya did everything she could to remove it, while her parents assured her she was still the wonderful, wild Anya they loved. But what if she wasn't allowed at school? It was after all, a tiger tail! Doomed by her fate, and before she had a chance to run away to the circus, Anya made it to school just in time for the other kids to arrive, only to discover that maybe having a tiger tail wasn't so bad. As charming as it is engaging, author and illustrator Mike Boldt finds a way to capture the attention of young readers, and makes an important moral be delightfully entertaining. Vivid and bold illustrations instantly engage readers, allowing the giggles to roll out, while addressing new school, or first day jitters. Perfect for; classrooms parents, grandparents and librarians, this book teaches readers to accept and celebrate who you are by embracing your differences. A great reminder, even for adults- embrace your uniqueness, even if it is a tiger tail.

After discovering one morning that she has grown a tiger tail, Anya decides that there is no way she can go to school. She tries really hard to convince her parents that she can't go to school this way but they just don't understand. She works hard to get rid of the tail, but nothing solves the problem. She even fakes being sick but to her dismay her mother lovingly pushes her out the door. After missing the bus, her father drives her to school. She fantasizes about joining the circus. Unfortunately, by the time her daydream is over, she's at school and must face her classmates with her tail. Luckily, she quickly finds out that maybe her tail isn't so bad and that everyone has unique characteristics. Boldt has done a hilarious job of presenting a common childhood fear. The fear of not belonging, not fitting in, shines through, despite the ridiculousness of Anya's situation. The illustrations are bright and colorful and fun to look at, Anya's facial expressions are especially amusing. I'm definitely using this one with my students.

The first day of school is scary enough but for Anya it's about to get worse. Anya wakes up to and discovers, to her dismay, that she has grown a tiger's tail. No way will her new school let her in with a a tail, right? Her mother assures her it brings out her wild side and goes well with her hair. Her dad compares it to the time he got glasses. Either way, her parents are not going to let her miss school and Anya is about to find out that she will be allowed inside. Anya does everything to hide her tail but a collision with another boy as she gets off the bus ruins her plans. However, it leads to a new discovery about the boy. One that helps make Anya's first day at school better than she had anticipated. Young readers will delight in the situational humor Boldt masters with exaggerated

digital images while learning to embrace uniqueness and diversity. Disclosure: Book received from publisher at no charge to facilitate my review as it originally appears on my blog, Boys To Books

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