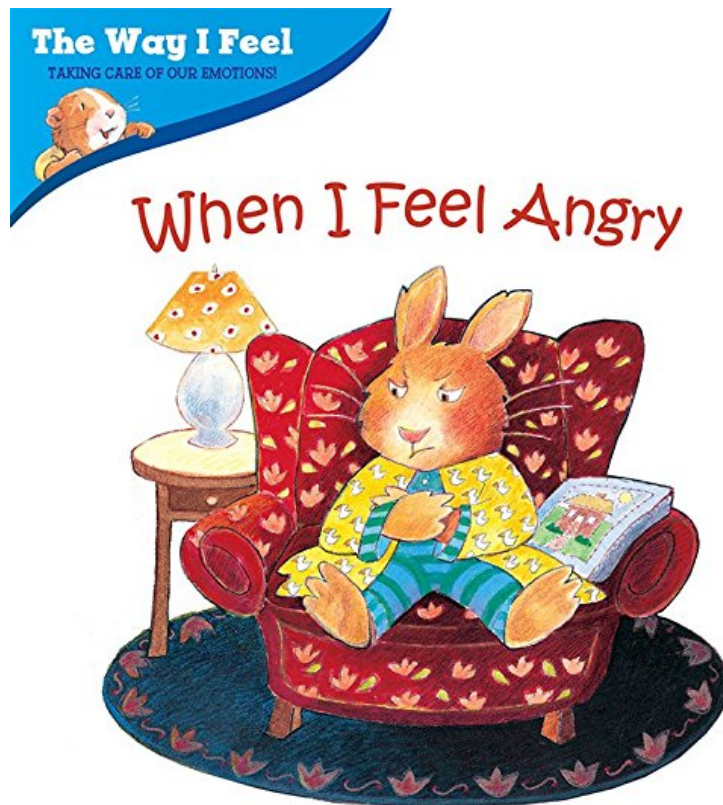


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# When I Feel Angry (Way I Feel Books)



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## Customer Reviews

Not only is this a great book for older toddlers and preschoolers, but also it is a great reminder for grownups. My (almost) three year old and I read this together to help us BOTH remember how to behave when we get angry. Any parent of a toddler or preschooler knows that frustrating feeling when your little one does things only they can understand (like color on the walls with marker, dump EVERYTHING out of all of the drawers in their dresser, etc.). This book is a nice reminder to take deep breaths or take a grownup time out instead of yelling. What a wonderful opportunity for discussion, too. I highly recommend this book!!

This book discusses anger, its causes, how it feels, and most importantly, healthy options for dealing with it. Anger can be overwhelming and frightening for anyone, and even more so for young ones will little experience regulating their emotions. This book is empathetic "When I feel angry I want to say something mean, or yell or hit. But feeling like I want to is not the same as doing it." One of my favorite elements of this book is that it gives many options for dealing with anger, from counting to bike riding to walking away, and from being assertive to taking a nap, and from handling the problem independently to asking for help. I work in a classroom full of 3, 4 and 5 year olds, and kids sometimes call each other names, often grab things from one another and often would rather keep playing when the "clean-up" signal is given. This book is relevant to preschoolers. The last sentence I wish was a mantra for us all. "When I feel angry, I know what to do!"

I chose this book to help my niece and nephews cope with their daddy's long-term visits to cancer clinics; his cancer became very aggressive just after I ordered it, and it ended up arriving just two days after his death. Later that week, the kids were having a hard day, and we all snuggled on the couch for some story time. I was amazed at how well the little ones (4 and nearly 3) identified with the emotions displayed by the book's characters. By the end of the book, the children were smiling and ready to play independently. The gentle artwork is really lovely; the book walks through multiple situations that might spark feelings of sadness, but does not wallow at any point, and has a satisfying conclusion: even though I am sad for awhile, I don't have to be sad forever. The coping techniques shared in the book are easily followed by any young person (and are great ideas for grown-ups, too!), and because the artwork is so clear, even non-readers can "read the pictures" and walk themselves through to a feel-better conclusion. I'd recommend this book for children in the 2 to 7 set; it could be pretty easily read independently by solid young readers, too. Even if your family

has not had a significant emotional loss, I'd recommend it for intelligent emotional learning.

This book is very helpful in teaching kids about anger. It is a nice discussion to have with young kids. They often feel relieved that someone is willing to talk to about it especially if they have anger problems.

She loves the "When I Feel" series - These are the only books she picks out of the plethora of books to choose from. When I read to her and turn pages, she will have me stop at a particular page (when they lose something valuable to them), she says, "Oh, kiss" - gives a kiss then "big hug" - leans her body towards the character pretending to hug him. Very cute (hard to explain via text). She actively tries to console me when I pretend to be sad as a result of reading this book.

I loved this book. The way the rabbit character looks when she is angry is just the way I feel sometimes. I think this is a very helpful book for when you are feeling upset. It gives good ideas to make you feel better.

This is an excellent series for children as young as 3. Good content, wonderful illustrations and good parent suggestions. My school system has decided to use them in our 4 yr. preschool classes.

We just purchased quite a few of the "When I Feel" series. I wish I knew about them sooner. My 3.5yr old seems slightly too old for the repetition in this book and he gets bored of it. However, he's getting the right message and he has been practicing the solutions in the book. I just wish we would have started it a year ago when he first started expressing the feelings covered in the book. Basically, the book covers "I feel angry when...." "When I feel angry, it feels like..." "These are the things I can do when I feel angry so I don't feel angry anymore". It's a great book! But I would recommend starting around age 2.

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