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Lost balloons. Melted ice cream. Babysitters.

Life as a kid can be pretty daunting. But don't let these troubles get you down. With the right attitude, a hurdle can become a hammock and an obstacle can become an opportunity!

Veteran picture book creator Jarrett J. Krosoczka teaches kids to look on the bright side of things. With lively illustrations and spot-on humor, *It's Tough to Lose Your Balloon* champions resilience and helps children navigate childhood indignities while making them laugh at the same time.

It's Tough to Lose Your Balloon Details

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Meredith says

This book names various causes of distress for small children and how to look at the Brightside of each.

Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says

looking at things from two sides...

Julie says

The cover of this book caught my eye at the book store because losing a balloon was one of my greatest fears as a child. The pressure of holding onto the string of a helium balloon, with the possibility of it being lost forever, was the stuff of nightmares for me. Seriously, I used to have nightmares about this, and when I would see a balloon floating in the sky, it would make my stomach turn. I bought my own copy of this one because it is a beautiful way of explaining to children (and adults) that it is ok, (and sometimes even better) to let things go. This will be a WONDERFUL addition to my Storytime Yoga book collection.

Ariel Cummins says

I like that this book takes seriously the things that upset kids, but many adults think are silly. I mean, in the grand scheme of things, of course it won't matter in 10 years if you lose your balloon, but when it happens to you, it can really make your day crummy. I enjoyed Krosoczka's gentle nudging to look for a bright side of things, and this book was optimistic without being saccharine.

Krosoczka's illustrations in this particular title are very Lunch-Lady-esque, which works well for this title. I especially enjoy his use of mostly black and white in the scenario set-up to pull focus to the bad thing that happened, and that the double-page spreads showing the silver lining are full or bright washes of color.

This book features only a half-sentence on each double-page spread, which would make it a great choice for a storytime (or even a toddler time!). I'd include this in a feelings storytime, or a storytime about mishaps (that would be a fun one to plan!)

Jillian Heise says

A good story for looking at the bright side of things that at first seem upsetting to kids. I would've liked a longer book with a few more. Nice use of color in the book.

Shelley says

This picture story helps children learn the concepts of good news/bad news or "on the other hand..." or every cloud has a silver lining, etc. That is, every bad thing that happens has a good thing that can come out of it or a good thing that can be interpreted about what happened... It's basically the psychological concept of reframing...

Aliza Werner says

Look on the bright side of things. When life hands you lemons, make lemonade.

Bethany says

A nice portrayal of unhappy circumstances and how to see the bright side of things. Krosoczka is one of my favorite picture book authors.

Taylor Meier says

It's Tough to Lose Your Balloon written by Jarret J. Krosoczka is a book about finding the best in a bad situation. Each page of the book mentions something bad that may happen to you, but on the next page it tells you the benefits from that bad situation. This author did a great job at showing the reader even if life isn't going your way, to always, "Look for the rainbow" (Krosoczka), meaning to always look for the good. My favorite part of this picture book is when the little boy notices his ice cream is melting, so he takes off his baseball cap and puts his ice cream cone in there, making it a unique bowl. I love how this book portrays to kids at a young age that, "When life gets you down, look up, up, up!" (Krosoczka).

Frankie Brown says

so true though

Whitney Rachel says

there's always a silver lining :)

great picture book to encourage kiddies to look on the bright side.

Kristina Jean Lareau says

There is always a bright side to the bad things that happen.

The spreads about the bad things happening are mostly white with just a splash of color, the words on the verso and the illustration on the recto contrasts with the positive side of the bad thing with a full page color spread of happy.

Unfortunately, this is just so corny and the final conclusion being "when there's rain, look for the rainbow" is just too cliched to really have a true impact. I generally like Krosoczka's work, but this one is a miss.

Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

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It's no fun when you drop your sandwich on the beach, break one of your toys, or hurt your knee. BUT the seagulls will love the sandwich, fixing toys with Grandpa is a lot of fun, and scrapes often mean fun bandages. Through these and four other examples, the author shows that many disappointments also have a positive side if you look for it.

While it may seem a bit flippant when read on its own, this book would be perfect for a class discussion about looking for the silver linings in tough situations. It would also be helpful to hand to a child who has pessimistic leanings, especially when -- again -- accompanied with a discussion. (Emphasis on "discussion" as opposed to "lecture," of course!) Children might even have fun brainstorming their own bad-luck situations, then following them up with positive outcomes.

Pre-K, EL (K-3) -- ESSENTIAL. Reviewer: Caryn
<http://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2016/...>

Pauline says

Sometimes, as adults, we lose sight of the really upsetting aspects of being a kid...this book provides kids with a bit of a silver lining when things go wrong.

Chance Lee says

Pretty illustrations, and I like the 'look on the bright side' message. But the delivery is simplistic and limiting. The 'bright side' to some of the problems might not pan out for some kids. Fix a toy with Grandpa? What if grandpa is dead? A drunk? Doesn't fix toys? I guess it could raise conversations about ways to make bad situations good, but the book prefers to give answers instead of ask questions.

