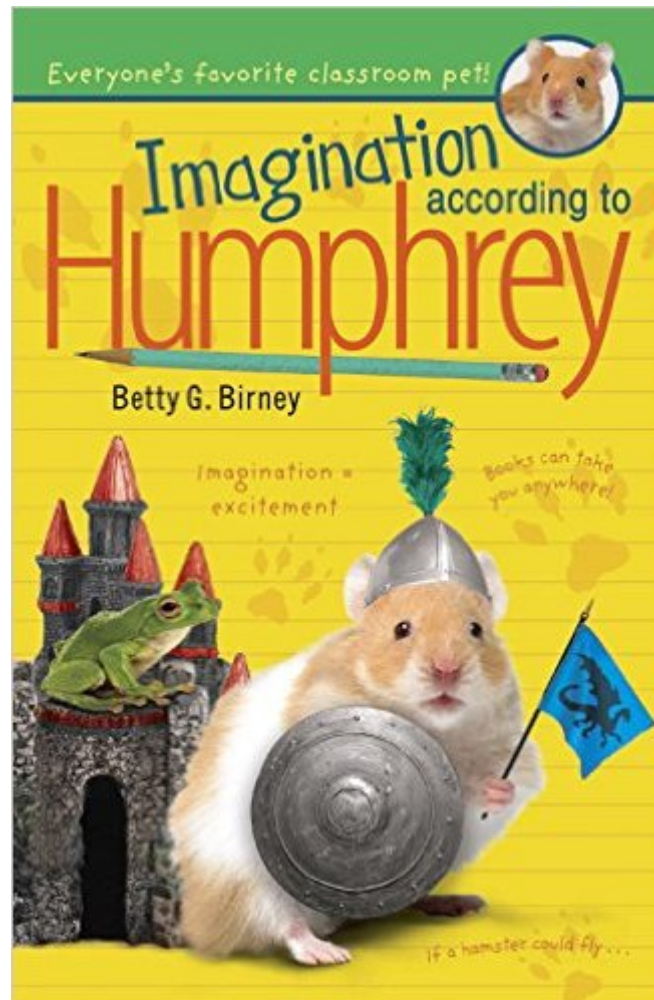


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# Imagination According To Humphrey



## Synopsis

Humphrey's eleventh adventure celebrates stories, writing, and the power of the imagination! Imaginations are running wild in Mrs. Brisbane's class, but Humphrey is stumped. His friends are writing about where they would go if they could fly, but Humphrey is HAPPY-HAPPY-HAPPY right where he is in Room 26. It's pawsitively easy for Humphrey to picture exciting adventures with dragons and knights in the story Mrs. Brisbane is reading aloud. He has no trouble coming up with plans to help his friends and tricks to entertain them. His imagination even goes a little too far when he wonders if Carlos's imaginary friend might be a ghost. If only his imagination wouldn't disappear when he tries to write. Luckily, Humphrey likes a challenge, and Mrs. Brisbane has lots of writing tips that do the trick.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

I'm a huge fan of Betty Birney's Humphrey series. One might suspect that after ten previous books that they would all start to sound the same, but to me they still feel fresh and fun. Humphrey makes a great narrator as he shares his rather uniquely hamsterish view on the happenings in Mrs. Brisbane's classroom. Humphrey is still helping his friends in class with their problems while

furthering his own education. Each volume in the series focuses on one major school subject, in this book the focus is on using one's imagination to write a fictional story. Not only is the book fun but it would be great to use in a real classroom to help students learn to write their own stories. Realistically speaking most modern classrooms are much more structured than Mrs. Brisbane's these days with so much emphasis on standardized testing. It makes me quite sad really. I have to wonder if we neglecting to help children develop their creative instincts. But that's the advantage of fiction, the ability to ignore some of life's realities. And since the story is being told by an animal, reality isn't the emphasis here, although, Humphrey behaves mostly like a real hamster, with his human friends never suspecting what he is really up to. Once again Humphrey finds himself working to solve his own problem (coming up with his own story) while helping classmates (Sophie's feeling ignored by her family) and his animal friends (Gigi, the guinea pig down the hall). A series that speaks to children in a lot of enjoyable and empathetic ways.

I just love little Humphrey! I own several hamsters and I belong to a hamster forum. That's where I first heard of this little guy. I bought the whole set. It is very cute and fun to read. I am 60 years old and have had hamsters and gerbils for over 50 years. They are delightful little pets. If you get your own Humphrey hamster, join a forum and learn all you can to keep your little one happy. Humphrey would approve.

Our thoughts: We both really liked this book! We've long been fans of Betty G. Birney's writing and were thrilled with this new installment in the Humphrey series. It has a very creative concept - a classroom pet, a hamster, exploring the world and learning with his classmates. These books also have a lot of great life lessons they teach us, such as friendship. We especially like the fun environment, the good humor, and has an interesting perspective on creativity and writing (which, we agree with Humphrey, can be hard!). Stop-Talking-Sophie (these names are hilarious) was a great addition to the story. We like how this shows Humphrey's character and gives insight on one of our favorite students. The writing was fun and easy-going so that it didn't detract from the story, was overall was sweet and enjoyable. We both really loved this book and will always treasure the Humphrey series. See our interview with the author of the Humphrey series, Betty G. Birney, on our website, [kidbookreviewer.weebly.com](http://kidbookreviewer.weebly.com)

We love Humphrey, especially my 8 year old girl. I have given this 5 stars because I adore this series even though I don't think this is the best one of the group. It lacks some of the passion and

energy the other ones have, but it really doesn't matter because she devours these and anything Humphrey at this point is a good read!

A great book in a long line of books in the Humphrey series! I have an 11yr old who started this series 3 yrs ago and is nearing the top of the reading age for this series but has NO intension of quitting this series. Keep up the writing Mrs. Birney :)

We love, love, love Humphrey books around here. They never disappoint. This one follows the beloved familiar plot pattern as Humphrey sets out to continually grow and learn while helping his friends in Room 26.

I'm a 7th grade girl who happens to LOVE-LOVE-LOVE this series!! I'm NEVER-NEVER-NEVER gonna stop reading it!! I think it had LOTS-LOTS-LOTS of imagination in it!! (hence the title) ;}

Humphrey never gets old. Grt all Humphreys and your children will be in loved with him forever.

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