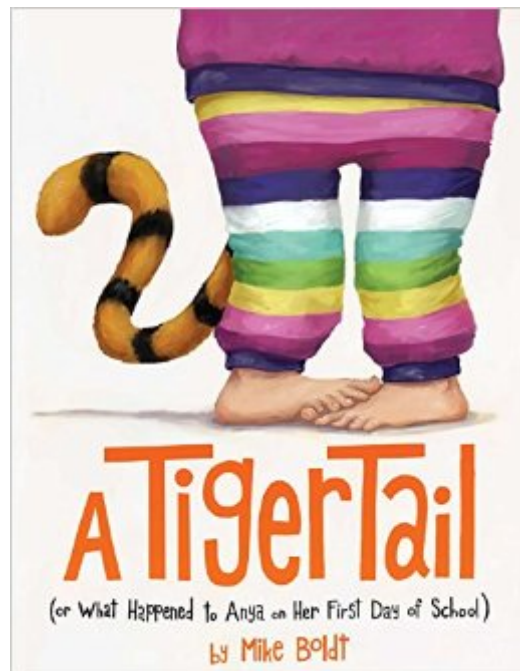


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# A Tiger Tail: (Or What Happened To Anya On Her First Day Of School)



## 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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## Customer Reviews

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!

When Anya awakes to discover that she's grown a tiger's tail overnight, she's horrified. What will the other kids think? Her parents just don't understand and nothing seems to help. Boldt's illustrations are full of color and humor, showing how life is full of diversity in more ways than one.

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 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

Marvelous. Anya wakes up on the first day of school and discovers she has a tiger tale. Eek. What to do? Her parents aren't much help. Finally, she struggles through and learns...there are worse things than a tiger tale. Marvelous for first day of school. Marvelous for kids who feel like they are different. Marvelous any ol' time.

The illustrations, first of all, are just darling. And as a school librarian I can't wait to share this story as a suggestion for a read aloud during the first week of school. Every student is unique in his or her own way, and this is a fabulous reminder of that!

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.

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