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JUMBLED UP JIMMY

by
LAURA ROSO



GENRE: JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / FRIENDSHIP

For lovers of *Where the Wild Things Are* – by Maurice Sendak
and *The Gruffalo* – by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler



ABOUT THE WORK

Jumbled Up Jimmy is a playful and warmly humorous picture book about a child who experiences everyday life in his own wonderfully unconventional way.

Jimmy is all jumbled up! He wears his watch on his ankle, his socks on his hands, and his school uniform backwards! Jimmy's reactions to everyday situations aren't quite the same as everyone else's, but that's what makes him special. This lively and humorous story celebrates friendship, acceptance, and the joy of being yourself.

WHY SHOULD YOU COVER THIS WORK?

Jumbled Up Jimmy opens the door to an important conversation about difference, inclusion, empathy and individuality, while keeping the message fun and accessible for young readers. Rather than suggesting that children who behave or think differently need to change, Laura Roso celebrates Jimmy's unique way of experiencing the world.

The book gives parents, educators, and children a natural starting point for conversations about acceptance, friendship, kindness, and looking beyond assumptions. Its humour and relatable situations make these bigger ideas easy for children to understand, while giving adults an opportunity to reflect on how we respond to children who don't always fit conventional expectations.

For media, *Jumbled Up Jimmy* offers a positive and timely angle on raising inclusive children and using children's literature to encourage empathy and celebrate individuality.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Laura Roso is a dedicated and passionate educator and performing arts specialist. She is currently working as a secondary school drama teacher, inspiring students to reach their full potential, using their imagination and creativity. As a drama teacher, Laura has written numerous scripts and directed many productions, which has enhanced her ability to be an exceptional storyteller. Her wealth of teaching experience has given her plenty of insight into the interests of her target audience for her first children's book (*Race Before Ace*) and her second (*Jumbled Up Jimmy*).

As well as teaching, Laura is actively involved in the performing arts industry. Her entertainment career to date includes working as a Deputy Cruise Director for P&O Cruises and hosting events such as the Wakakirri National Story-Dance Festival. She has taken part in other events that include the AFL Grand Final Parade, Moomba Festival and Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight. She has also appeared in numerous television commercials and programs. Laura's vision in publishing her second novel (*Jumbled Up Jimmy*) is to inspire children to read. She hopes the story's message and funny, quirky, yet realistic characters will appeal to young readers everywhere.



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