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## Review of *Grumpy Goat* by Brett Helquist

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## **Grumpy Goat**

*Helquist, Brett*

*New York: Harper Collins, 2013*

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This book's warm and attractive illustrations fail to overcome a lacking narrative. It begins with Goat, a newcomer to the farm with a grumpy attitude. He bullies the other animals and wrecks part of the farm because he's never had any friends before. When he encounters a dandelion atop the hill, Goat has a change of attitude. The flower "reminded him of something," which is never explicitly stated or clarified. When the flower blows away, Goat becomes grumpy again until more grow. The warm colors and convincing illustrations will hold attention but the story's plot and meaning seem too complex and unclear for its young audience.

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