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Cranky Pants

By Stephen Sanzo • Illustrated by Matt Whitlock

“...a perfect read after a long day for parents or little ones,
no matter who's had the cranky day.” – *Detroit Free Press*

Everyone has those days. The alarm goes off, but you can't get your head out from under the covers to start the day. Kids have those mornings too. The same child who on most days eagerly jumps up on your bed to wake you up is in a foul mood. Food is yucky, the rain is soggy, and school is boring. But although the day may seem endless, most gloomy days don't last past bedtime.

Stephen Sanzo and former Disney feature film artist Matt Whitlock team up to bring you *Cranky Pants* (ISBN: 0-9759627-0-1, \$16.95). This lovable story appeals to both adults who can relate to cranky days and to children seeking assurance. Remember the Inchworm riding toy... Weebles... Holly Hobbie? This sweet and silly chronicle of a cranky boy's day is filled with vibrant illustrations of these and other nostalgic images from the '70s. Parents and grandparents will enjoy finding the subtle references to their own childhoods woven throughout the book's illustrations and sharing them with children.

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Stephen Sanzo works for Communities United — a private nonprofit organization that runs Head Start preschools in the Boston area. Previously, Stephen published *Visual Architecture* magazine and worked in banking and high-tech fields. He lives with his wife, Skye, and his little girl, Virginia in Arlington, Massachusetts.

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