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***The Day No One was Angry* by Toon Tellegen illustrated by Marc Boutavant**

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Terrific little tales covering the complex emotion that most people hope to avoid when interacting with others - anger. There's no skirting around the subject with these stories.

Readers are introduced to animal characters revelling in temper tantrums and becoming furiously enraged. Some of the forest creatures try to side-step anger, others become downright stubborn, while some discover life is boring when they're not in a tizz about something.

Humour underlines the ridiculous situations the obstinate, grumpy characters find themselves in as a result of their anger. Each story offers opportunities to talk about emotions, how to resolve problems, and how to get along with others.

Forest greens, tawny shades, and smoky night-time scenes show the characters within their natural environment. Their emotions are displayed through body language, expressive faces, and challenging situations. Even a tiny ant is given a chance to vent his feelings.

The generous sized publication allows for a larger font, good line spacing, and many full-page illustrations. These quirky anecdotes are suitable for junior readers transitioning from picture books to chapter books. Perfect stories to read aloud and discuss with a group.

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