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***Don't Cross the Line* by Isabel Minho Martins illustrated by Bernardo P. Carvalho**

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The title page of this book makes a statement right at away:

This is how it's going to be. I give the orders around here!

The guard always obeys the General's orders without question and this time the guard has to stop anyone crossing the line, this space is for the General. There are eight almost blank pages at the beginning which leads to anticipation of what will happen in this story as the guard comes under pressure from the growing crowd of people.

A sophisticated picture book, with a subtle message about dictatorship, and how it is resolved peacefully, thought provoking.

The childlike felt pen illustrations are fun and colourful, the simple text is in cartoon like bubbles. Inside both covers are all the characters depicted in the story and their journeys can be followed throughout the book.

Winner of the Portuguese National Cartoon Prize 2015 – Best Children's Book Illustration.

Reviewed by Judy Sail, retired Librarian

