

***It's Me. (Catwad #1)* by Jim Benton**

The first book in the *Catwad* graphic novel series, *It's Me*, is very silly! Readers are introduced to Catwad and his best friend Blurmp. Catwad is a very grumpy blue cat. Blurmp is the most eternally optimistic orange cat in the entire world, and also possibly the least smart cat in the entire world. One would think that they are too different to be friends, but their friendship has an interesting dynamic and they seem to sort of balance each other out. The book is a collection of different short comics, each on a different theme – everything from catching a cold, to legendary magical creatures, to computers, to love. I found myself laughing out loud quite often while reading. The art is not too cutesy, with a fun and bright color palette. There's a little bit of gross humor, but not too much. This combination makes these books appeal to lots of middle grade readers. (My daughter is a huge fan of this series!) I highly recommend this if you want a quick, slightly weird, read to make you laugh.

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