

***The Sour Grape* by Jory John and Pete Oswald**

Jory John and Pete Oswald have a really great picture book series with the Food Group books that they work on together, and *The Sour Grape* may be my new favorite. Grape grew up in a very big, close-knit family and wasn't always sour. At one point Grape was actually very, very sweet. But after a disastrous birthday party, and some unfortunate accidents on the part of friends, the sweet grape started holding grudges and quickly turned sour. Grape alienates all but one friend, and when that last remaining friend gets mad at Grape for being late to hang out in the park, Grape makes some important realizations. The start of Grape becoming sour was actually because of a mistake Grape made on the birthday invitations. This sets Grape on course to try to become sweet again. Or at least most of the time. Because it's okay to get a little grumpy sometimes.

Like all of the other books in the series, the art is lively, colorful, and fun! The book has some great lessons, like that holding grudges and complaining all the time isn't healthy, and becoming sour doesn't mean you can't try and change your ways for the better. I know that there are plenty of adults out there, myself included, who could maybe learn a little something from this book about being more "grapeful" and forgiving. I loved it and would highly recommend it, along with all of the other books in the Food Group series.

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