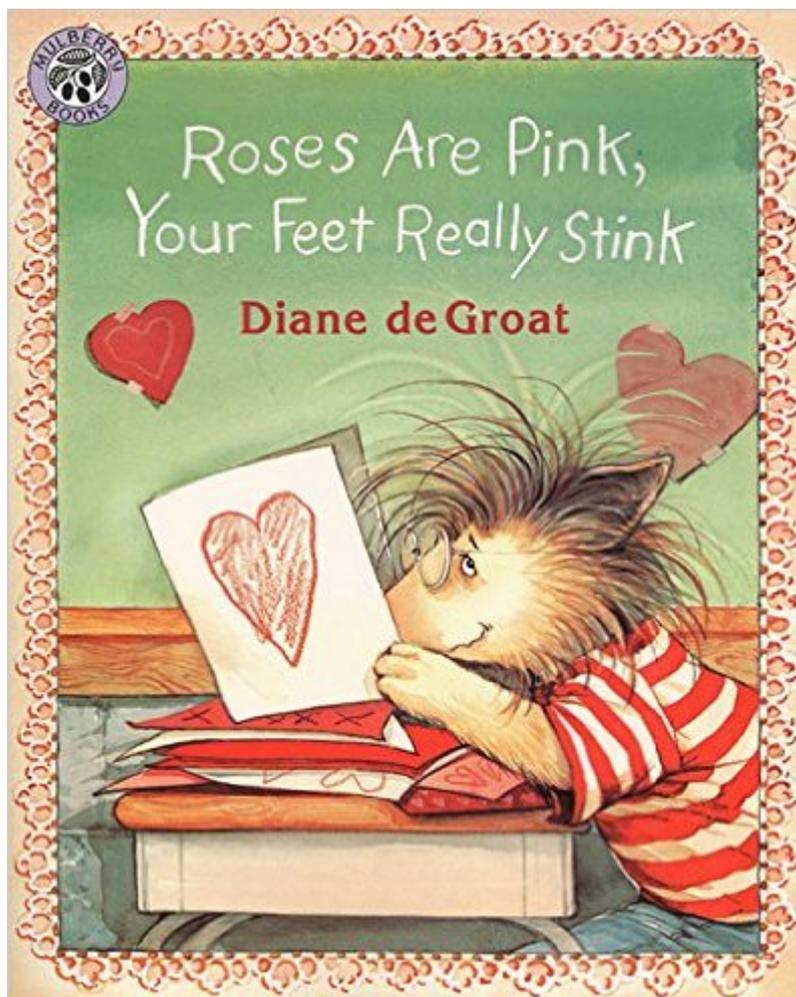


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# Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink



## Synopsis

When Gilbert writes two not-so-nice valentines to his classmates, his prank quickly turns into pandemonium. But there's always time for a change of heart on Valentine's Day.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gilbert has a real dilemma. He's writing poems on his Valentine cards, for his classmates, but doesn't want to write something nice to Lewis and Margaret. Lewis tweaked his nose and made it red and Margaret said mean things about him in front of the class. So he decides to write each an unkind poem and instead of signing his own name, since he's afraid they'll be angry, he signs Lewis's name to Margaret's card and Margaret's name to Lewis's Valentine. It doesn't take long before Margaret and Lewis figure out who really gave them these mean cards and they, along with the rest of the class won't have anything to do with Gilbert. First he has to eat lunch all alone, no one will sit with him and then at recess, no one will play with him. As soon as he gets back to class, Gilbert gets to work making new cards for Lewis and Margaret and apologizing for his unkindness. As the class party begins all is forgiven and Lewis, Margaret and Gilbert are friends again..... Diane De Groat has written a simple, charming story with a powerful message about the importance of second chances, that youngsters 4-8 will easily understand. Her gentle text and wonderful watercolor illustrations really capture the small hurts and slights kids experience and her

positive, uplifting ending and sensible solution should open good discussions at home and at school.

I really enjoyed this book. It shows how sometimes getting even may not be the best solution. Sometimes children don't realize how what they do can affect others. In this story, Gilbert learns this lesson the hard way. He sends two not-so-nice valentines to two of his classmates who had done something ugly to him. Instead of making him feel better, he ends up feeling awful. His classmates didn't want to be friends with someone who would say mean things about others. He swallows his pride and makes new valentines to apologize for the way he acted. This book is a good way to integrate character education in elementary school. It has a serious message but does not come across too strong.

Make yours good from the start. Kids will love the funny (and sometimes not so nice) rhymes. The watercolors are charming and the message is good. Gilbert discovers that what appears to be meanness is often just a misunderstanding. He also learns that two wrongs don't make a right. The author conveys these "feel good" messages without being too heavy handed. This is a great book to read with your children before they embark on writing their own valentines.

The moral of the story is really good because it teaches kids to always be nice to people no matter what. Even if people are mean to you it is important to always be nice and polite and this book does a great job of teaching that. It helps kids see what can happen when people don't treat other people like they would want to be treated. The illustrations in this book were very cute. They were very creative and they kept kids interested. This really is a great book and kids would really like to listen to this story. They would enjoy the illustrations and they would remember the characters long after reading the book.

\*reviewed by Sophie for Mundie Kids: Oh, the pain of writing out Valentine's Day cards. I just went through this with my youngest two kids. This story illustrates how tricky it can be to personalize the sentiment inside cards. Should you be mean to those who were not nice to you? Should you sign someone else's name to them? Well, Gilbert does both and the pain of watching your classmates get mad at each other wears on him. Also, the fact that people eventually figure out who wrote the "bad" cards is a valuable lesson. As I tell my children, lies have short legs. Gilbert discovers just this as the kids who were mean to him (and he wrote the bad poems to) are sorry and he realizes that

treating people the way you want to be treated is the best way to keep peace.

Roses are pink, Your feet really stink! Haha I was looking for a valentines day gift for my son when i stumbled across this! My son has smelly feet so I thought this would be such a cute gift! He still hasn't seen this yet as its not Valentines day yet but I took it upon myself to read this today when it got here and this is a really cute story. pretty much Gilbert is making valentines for his classmates... He has something nice to say about everyone except his two bullies... So funny little Gilbert makes two not so nice one for each of his bullies then signs the others bullies name.Well in school when they hand out the valentines.. even his bullies had nice things to say about him.....So the bullies end up arguing with each other.... They find they have two cards from each other one nice one not so nice but none from Gilbert. So they learn that these were from Gilbert.. Everyone was mad at Gilbert... He ends up making two new nice cards for them and they all make up and live happily ever after haha ;o) NO but really they make up and its just a great story with great morals and great illustrations. Perfect childrens book.

A fantastic series. We read these all year long. It's fun to follow Gilbert and his friends throughout the year. This one is great to read on the day you send home the notice about Valentine's Day festivities. It opens a great dialogue about what is and is not appropriate for Valentine's day at school.

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