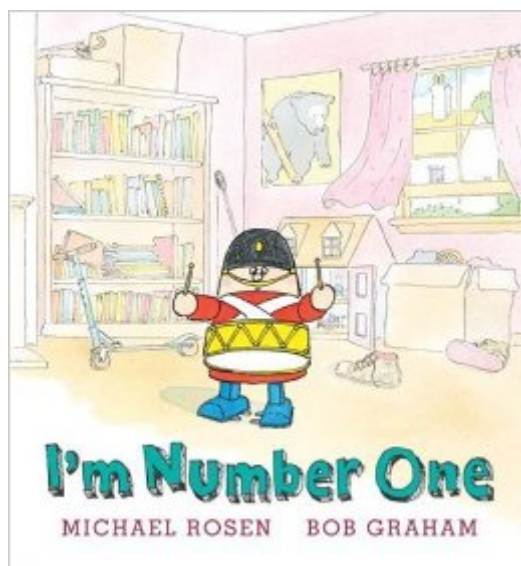


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# I'm Number One



## Synopsis

How do you deal with a bully? A stellar author-illustrator team shows that a touch of playfulness can go a long way. Little wind-up soldier A-One is in charge. At least that's what he tells the other toys: Sally, Maddy, and Sid. When he tells them to turn his key, they do it. When he tells them they're no good, they feel bad. He calls them all kinds of things: no good, hopeless, the worst. Or was that hope-use, good-no, and less-less? Somehow, stringing all those mean words together makes them start to sound, well, silly – and even though A-One doesn't mean to, he finds himself smiling too. From the incomparable Michael Rosen and Bob Graham comes an insightful, child-friendly tale about learning how to be one of the gang.

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## Customer Reviews

A-One was a rat-a-tat-tat windup toy soldier with a drum who claimed he was "number one" and was intent on bullying and intimidating all the other toys would do exactly what he wanted. He needed his one of his friends to wind him up and, after claiming that "A-One rules" and "A-One is number one" he insisted that Sally wind up his key. With a wide-eyed surprised look she did just that, but she had barely started when he criticized her efforts and asked Maddy, the duck to take a gander at it. Of course he was "so bad," Sid the pig stepped in to do the job, only to be told he was "the worst." In spite of all the criticism, A-One was all wound up and leading his friends through the

toy room. Bow, wow! He was so bossy even the dog was following along. One by one, he made fun of something each one of his friends was wearing and then claimed he'd take it. A knapsack looked just like something he'd need. "Look at you! You wear a knapsack! Sally is a silly-sack!" Before you know it, he had not only the knapsack, but also had Maddy's hat and Sid's scarf. Was there any way that everyone could be friends without being made fun of and bullied? Could A-One feel like a part of the group without feeling like he had to boss everyone around? This is a great little story that will tell young children how to behave and not behave with their playmates. The bullying issue is quite obvious in this book and this alone would make this book an excellent read and discuss book in the homeroom or classroom setting. The problem is resolved in the book, but with some children this is not as easily accomplished. The artwork was charming and the quaint playful touches added a lot to this story. This is a fun lively story with a challenging message for young children to think about.

I wasn't expecting a book with the theme of a bully character changing his attitude, although that's a good idea. The book was in good shape.

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