



Title and Author: *My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood*

Author: Tameka Fryer Brown

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Genre/Text Type: Fiction

Theme/Idea: Feelings

Vocabulary – Related Words for Discussion:

- Mood – the way you feel. Example: angry, happy, excited
- Planted – stand without moving
- Ease – move slowly or gently
- Rowdy – rough or loud

Before Reading:

Questions to build predicting skills

- Show the front and back cover. Ask: Looking at the character, how would you describe his mood?
- What's your favorite color? Why?

Go Back to the Story:

Questions to lead into a classroom discussion about story

- Pages 1-2 – What's happening and how does the main character feel? *Answer: He's listening to music and singing. He's happy. How do you know? Answers may vary: He's smiling; his feet are kicking*
- Pages 7-8 – The main character's mood turns black. What does this mean? *Answer: He's mad, angry. What caused his mood to change? Answers: His brothers took his picture. They are teasing him.*
- Pages 13-14 – What is the main character doing? *Answers: He's not letting his brothers and sister in the bathroom. He's pushing on the door. Is he in a happy or sad mood? Answer: He's happy. How do you know? Answer: He's smiling.*
- Pages 15-16 – The family is having a rowdy dinner. Describe what's happening in the picture. *Answers will vary.*
- Pages 21-22 – How does Jamie (the main character) feel at the end of the book? *Answer: He's back to being happy again.*

Making Connections:

Story to Real World

- When you are in a bad mood, what do you do to feel better?
- What color is your mood right now?

