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Dear Readers of Booth Hill School,

It's very exciting to hear that you are reading a Humphrey book for your One School, One Book event, especially since you've chosen FRIENDSHIP ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY. It's the second book in the ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY series and personally, I love the theme of friendship.

When I sat down to write it, I wanted to create a second classroom pet that was as different from a hamster as possible. I think I made a good choice, because that other pet is in all the books that followed it. Once I decided the story would be about Humphrey's difficulties making a new friend, I made all the stories in the book about problems kids have with friends. (Grownups have them too.)

There are now twelve books following Humphrey through his first year in Room 26 and beyond: THE WORLD ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, FRIENDSHIP ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, TROUBLE ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, SURPRISES ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, ADVENTURE ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, SUMMER ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, SCHOOL DAYS ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, MYSTERIES ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, WINTER ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, SECRETS ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, IMAGINATION ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY and SPRING ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY. There's also a series of Humphrey's Tiny Tales for younger readers. These are short chapter books with illustrations. The titles so far are HUMPHREY'S REALLY WHEELY RACING DAY, HUMPHREY'S PLAYFUL PUPPY PROBLEM, HUMPHREY'S CREEPY CRAWLY CAMPING ADVENTURE, HUMPHREY'S SCHOOL FAIR SURPRISE, HUMPHREY'S MIXED-UP MAGIC TRICK, HUMPHREY'S TREASURE HUNT TROUBLE and HUMPHREY'S PET SHOW PANIC with more to come.

I want to thank all of Humphrey's friends Shelton, Connecticut and wish you HAPPY-HAPPY-HAPPY reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty G Birney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located at the bottom left of the page.