

# GRUMPY GUS



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This book is dedicated to Auguste "Gus" Purdin,  
the best grump a dad could ask for.  
We wouldn't have you any other way.

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He just can't help it.

Gus is grumpy.

His Mom and Dad just don't know what to do.



They thought some yummy oatmeal  
would make him happy.

They're wrong!

"W-wouldn't ya like to, you know,  
try the potty?", Daddy asked.



"These underpants are soooooo  
fun...aren't they?", said Mommy

Gus was NOT interested.

Gus loves animals!

He wants Max to play,  
but Max just wants to hide.





Gus doesn't like when hair gets in his eyes,  
so Daddy tries to help.

Daddy says, "Please hold still!"  
"NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!" shouts Gus.

Max watches...from a safe distance.



"If you want to play outside,  
you have to wear shoes,"  
says Daddy.

"I caaaaaan't!!!"  
shouts Gus.

But look! A firetruck!!

Wait a minute...  
Wasn't Gus upset?



Gus can't wait to play  
with his friends!

Mara asks Gus to help  
build a tower,  
"Could you put the  
last block on top?"

"Sure!" says Gus.

Josh wants to know if  
he can help too.

"Sure!!!" says Gus.

Anna asks how  
tall the tower  
will be.

"BIG!!!"  
says Gus!

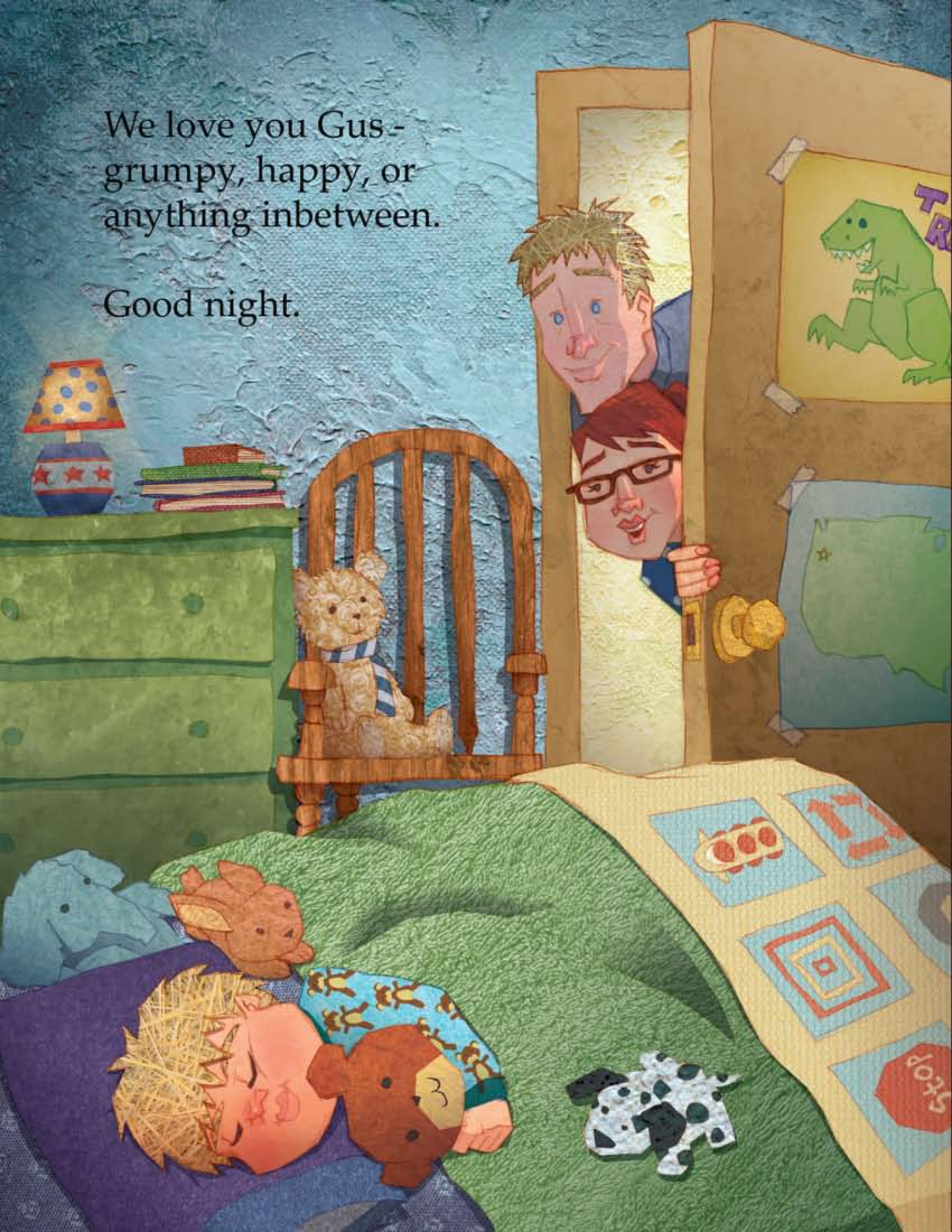


Gus is GREAT!



We love you Gus -  
grumpy, happy, or  
anything inbetween.

Good night.



The End

