

BUMBLE'S SURPRISE: THE GIFT OF KINDNESS

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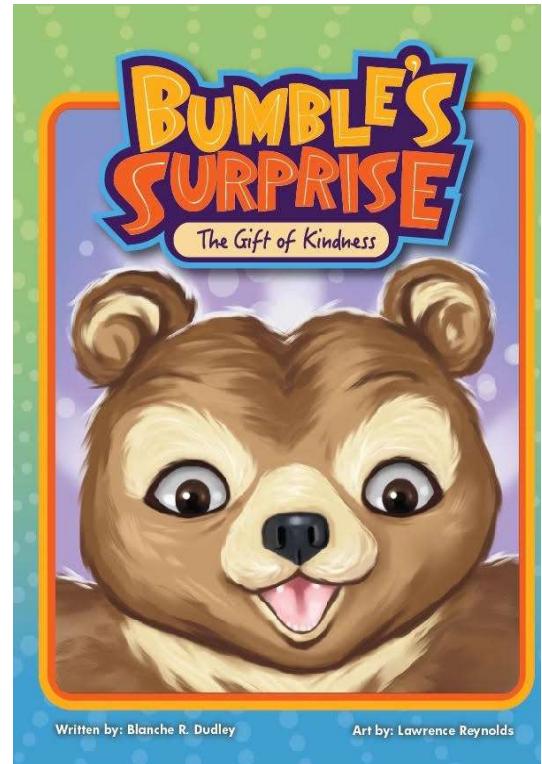
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A lovable, bumbling little bear discovers kindness is its own reward. Come share his delight!

Bumble Bear is sad. He doesn't have money to buy Mom a birthday present. He cheers up when he has a chance to win five dollars in a talent contest. Everybody says Bumble sings beautifully. Surely, he can win.

All he has to do is practice a little and get to the talent contest on time. This sounds easy enough for a very talented bear like Bumble. But will stopping to help someone in trouble cause problems and cost Bumble his only chance to give Mom a special gift? Let's follow Bumble as he discovers it's never too soon or too late to be kind.



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