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Editorial Review

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"Clumsy kids will appreciate Barney Saltzberg's imaginative book, which shows how mistakes (spills, tears, stains) can turn into something wonderful." - *Parents Magazine*

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About the Author

Barney Saltzberg is the author of more than 30 books for children, including *Beautiful Oops!*, *A Little Bit of Oomph*, *Good Egg* and the bestselling *Touch and Feel Kisses* series. Additionally, he's recorded four albums of songs for children. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, two dogs, and a pond full of fish.

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