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The Jester Has Lost His Jingle

By David Saltzman
The Jester Company. \$20

David Saltzman wrote and illustrated this book for children while he was fighting Hodgkin's disease. He died just 11 days before his 23rd birthday, but his family followed his dream, not only publishing the book, but making stuffed dolls to complement it.

His family has donated copies of the book to many schools and hospitals, sharing the author's message that laughter is inside all of us.

The beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the Jester who awoke one morning to find laughter missing from his kingdom. He traveled all over the world with his wooden helpmate Pharley trying to find the missing laughter and return it to his home.

Everywhere he went, laughter was missing. It took his efforts to cheer up a sick child to show him the truth: Laughter is inside us.

Written in rhyme, the book should enthrall children of any age, and the colorful illustrations add to the interest in the tale. I heartily recommend the book to anyone who needs a little cheer — or even to those who want to share their laughter.

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