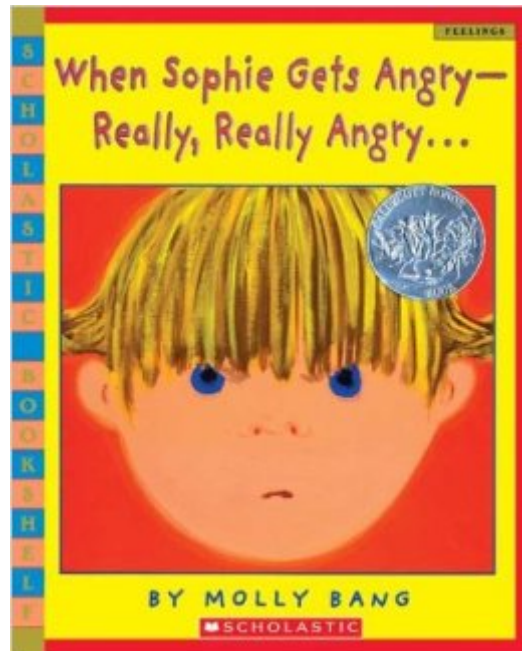


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# When Sophie Gets Angry--Really, Really Angry&#133; (Scholastic Bookshelf)



## Synopsis

Let Scholastic Bookshelf be your guide through the whole range of your child's experiences-laugh with them, learn with them, read with them!Eight classic, best-selling titles are available now!Category: Feelings"Oh is Sophie ever angry now!"Everybody gets angry sometimes. For children, anger can be very upsetting. Parents, teachers, and children can talk about it. People do lots of different things when they get angry. In this Caldecott-honor book, kids will see what Sophie does when she gets angry. What do you do?"...Bang's double-page illustrations, vibrating with saturated colors, that reveal the drama of the child's emotions."-SLJ, starred review"...an elegant and thought-provoking book for...children learning how to deal with emotions." -NY Times Book Review

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

As a children's librarian I sometimes have the delight of being in a first row seat for that most awesome of toddler performances: the tantrum. Tantrums come in a variety of different forms for a variety of different reasons. In a way, "When Sophie Gets Angry", is a kind of ideal adult fantasy of how a very particular toddler (Sophie) deals with her own anger. As with any book in which the title character acts in a less than truly saintlike manner, you will hear objections to this story because...

well... because Sophie gets angry. Really really angry. And criticizing a children's picture book because it does exactly what it said it would do in its title is just the teensiest bit ridiculous, in my opinion. In this book, little Miss Sophie is happily playing with her toy gorilla when her older sister sneaks up behind and grabs it with a forceful, "MY TURN". When that wisest of arbitrators, Sophie's mom, insists that it is indeed her sister's turn after all, Sophie falls headlong and painfully onto the truck that gorilla was in just moments ago. This does not improve Sophie's mood in the least. She boils with anger at the injustice of it all. She feels ready to explode. She lets loose a "red, red roar" then runs as fast as she can into her expansive backyard. There, surrounded by nature, and after having a good cleansing cry, Sophie calms down and looks about her. High up in an old beech tree, "The wide world comforts her". Ready for civilization once more, Sophie returns to her family (who is glad to see her) and helps them complete a puzzle. "And Sophie isn't angry anymore". How you, personally, want your child to express his or her anger is entirely up to you.

When Sophie Gets Angry-Really Really Angry... by Molly Bang, is a picture book about a little girl named Sophie who becomes angry with her sister for trying to play with the stuffed gorilla that she wants to play with. When Sophie gets angry at her sister, she runs away from her house and climbs a big beech tree where she watches the waves and lets the calm breeze comfort her. When she feels better she climbs down and goes happily back home. The illustrations in this book are drawn in a way as to reflect her mood at that time. They are not drawn with fine lines and a lot of detail. They have wide outlines and vibrant color. In a way, they look as if they were made by a child using crayons or finger paints. They start out, before Sophie becomes angry, with more calm colors such as green. When she begins to get mad at her sister the background changes from green to hot pink and when she is at the peak of her anger, the background changes to bright red to symbolize her anger. Sophie's anger also changes the sizes, proportions, and perspective of the pictures. The book starts off showing Sophie, her sister, the cat, and a few things on the floor and in the background. Then as her anger grows the pictures get closer in and shows more of her face. One of the pictures when she is most angry has a red background and her face takes up two whole pages. The size of the picture emphasizes how big and powerful her anger has made her feel. When Sophie is stomping around her house in a fit of anger, the author helps the reader imagine the noise she is making by writing different sounds on the page as she is making them. She doesn't just type them in, but she draws them and tries to incorporate them into the picture. One illustration shows Sophie roaring with anger.

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