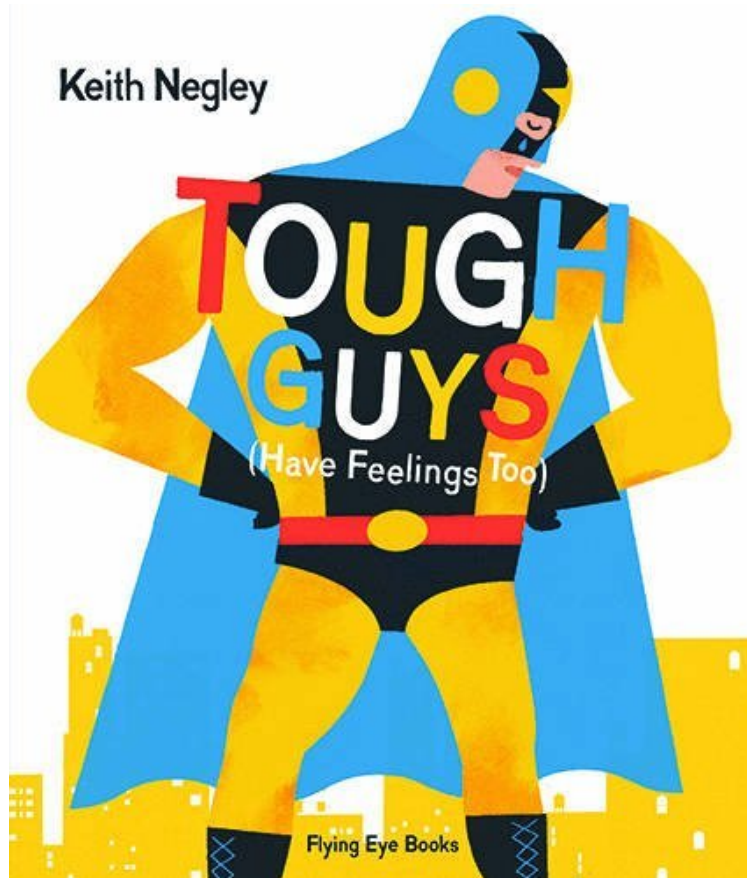


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From School Library Journal PreS-Gr 1—Ninjas have fights with friends, wrestlers worry about their matches, superheroes cry. Tough guys are just like everyone else; they have emotions, and on the bad days they show them. To reinforce his point, Negley includes many of the usual dream jobs and beefs up many of his characters to the "manly" ideal. Color and shape both have a strong presence due to contrasting combinations of black, white, blue, yellow, and red. The style is fairly simplistic, relying on symbols—like a single teardrop—and body language more than faces in order to portray emotion. The majority of the story is rather downbeat, with various idols expressing frustration, defeat, and sadness. However, it takes a turn for the better at the end. Having made his statement, Negley bridges the gap between idealized tough guys and real-life tough guys through a boy and his father who are reading a book together. This sweet moment is a reminder to show love as well as other strong feelings. VERDICT A short and straightforward story that challenges the traditional notion that men shouldn't express their emotions.—Rachel Forbes, formerly of Oakville Public Library, Ontario, Canada A simple, stylishly illustrated picture book [...] This appealing book makes the timely decision to hold the conversation about male emotions while everyone involved is in costume, performing some iconically macho role.—New York Times The title says it all. These tough guys are rendered in simple lines and shapes and colored in black and white, red, blue, and yellow, but they represent a broad range of virility. [...] Negley's debut is nonetheless sincere.—Kirkus s In this oddly touching ode to male sensitivity, Negley shows that the toughest, coolest, and most heroic of men sometimes cry—and that's okay. [...] Negley cleverly depicts a range of emotions, validating that not only does everyone have feelings but it is perfectly fine to express them. Rather than try to teach kids what emotions are, this book focuses on emotional health in a unique and eye-catching way.—Booklist A short and straightforward story that challenges the traditional notion that men shouldn't express their emotions.—School Library Journal With minimal text and a dozen illustrations, [Keith Negley] speaks volumes about how even the biggest and strongest men get sad sometimes and cry. [...] this book is a great way to have your child talk about feelings, and recognize their universality.—Montreal Gazette Bold and graphic, Negley's gorgeous picture book gives kids the opportunity to reflect on the normalcy of emotions, giving little readers (and their parents) the chance to take heart —having feelings, even sad ones, doesn't mean you aren't as brave or tough as a superhero.—National Post This is without doubt, the perfect book to get children to open up about their feelings and emotions. [...] With bold and bright images this will appeal to any audience, but it will undoubtedly catch the eye of a younger age group.—Picture Books Blogger [Tough Guys Have Feelings Too] teaches little boys that they don't have to feel like Superman all the time. [...] this book may actually go a long way towards dismantling rigid gender roles. For both men and women, crying can be considered a sign of weakness or hysteria — forcing them to repress this very natural emotional response. But Tough Guys (Have Feelings Too) wants to put an end to that right now. This is the crying revolution, and it looks like the next generation might actually grow up knowing it's OK to have a good cry when you need.—Bustle A touching reminder to your boy that it's okay to express himself, and will ensure he doesn't laugh in your face again the next time he finds you hiding in the bathroom sobbing into the mirror that this whole parenting thing is all just too much.—Fatherly I love how this book with its short, but poignant text gives us a chance to empathize with grown men who are seldom shown crying. [...] Overall, I think Tough Guys is a winner! It's a wonderful, simple and highly emotive book that allows little readers to explore feelings and emotions while addressing the macho male stereotype "real men don't cry." A must-have for your child's home library collection.—Here Wee Read