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## Lasting Lessons

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt is a book that continues to be loved by both children and adults. But what makes this story so special? The book is funny, creative, and teaches important lessons about fairness, creativity, and appreciation.

In the story, Duncan's crayons write letters to him, each explaining how they feel. Some crayons, like Red and Blue, feel overworked because they are used

all the time. Others, like Pink and Beige, feel ignored and wish they had more exciting roles. Then there are the crayons that are frustrated—like Black, who wants to do more than outline, and Yellow and Orange, who argue over which one is the true color of the sun.

This idea of crayons having personalities and feelings makes the book fun to read. But beyond the humor, the book teaches a valuable lesson about fairness and inclusion. Just like the crayons, people want to feel important and valued. Some work too much and need a break, while others want a chance to be seen. This is something both kids and adults can understand.

The book also encourages creativity. Duncan realizes that he doesn't have to follow the usual rules of coloring. Why should the sky always be blue and fire trucks always be red? Instead, he creates a unique and colorful picture using all of his crayons in new ways. His drawing is different, but it is full of life, imagination, and fairness.

This message of thinking outside the box is another reason why the book has remained so popular. It reminds readers that creativity means trying new things and that everyone—whether a person or a crayon—has something special to offer.

For children, the book is fun and silly, but it also helps them learn about fairness, teamwork, and appreciation. For adults, it serves as a reminder that everyone deserves recognition and that creativity comes from breaking the rules sometimes. These universal lessons are why *The Day the Crayons Quit* remains a favorite for readers of all ages.