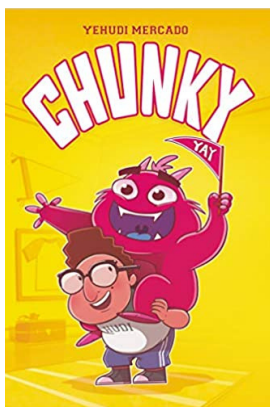


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# Chunky

by Yehudi Mercado



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Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

## What's It About?

Hudi needs to lose weight, according to his doctors. Concerned about the serious medical issue Hudi had when he was younger, his parents push him to try out for sports. Hudi would rather do anything else, but then he meets Chunky, his imaginary friend and mascot. Together, they decide to give baseball a shot.

As the only Mexican and Jewish kid in his neighborhood, Hudi has found the cheerleader he never had. Baseball doesn't go well (unless getting hit by the ball counts), but the two friends have a great time drawing and making jokes. While Hudi's parents keep trying to find the right sport for Hudi, Chunky encourages him to pursue his true love—comedy.

But when Hudi's dad loses his job, it gets harder for Hudi to chart his own course, even with Chunky's guidance. Can Chunky help Hudi stay true to himself or will this friendship strike out?

## Who Wrote It?

Yehudi Mercado is a former pizza delivery driver and art director for Disney Interactive. He is currently a writer-artist-director. "During his time at Disney he co-wrote and was the Art Director for Guardians of the Galaxy: The Universal Weapon (Mobile Game). His original graphic novels as include Buffalo Speedway, Pantalones, TX, Rocket Salvage and Sci-Fu: Kick it Off (which was featured on the Scholastic Book Fair and was one of the top 10 most checked out books for kids in the New York Public Library System)" ([www.bricfoundation.org](http://www.bricfoundation.org)). Yehudi was born in Mexico City, grew up in Texas, and now lives in Los Angeles.



You can learn more about Yehudi and his work on his website: <https://www.supermercado.pizza/about>

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