



Book Kits for the 2021 Beehive Book Awards Picture Book Nominees

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Bear Came Along

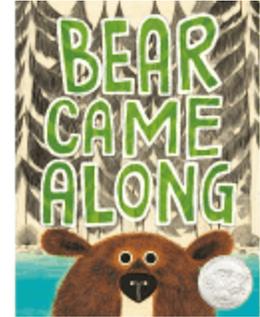
Author: Richard T. Morris

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

ISBN: 978-0316464475

Grade Level: Preschool - 3



Description

Once there was a river flowing through a forest. The river didn't know it was capable of adventures until a big bear came along. But adventures aren't any fun by yourself, and so enters Froggy, Turtles, Beaver, Raccoons, and Duck.

These very different animals take off downstream, but they didn't know they needed one another until thankfully, the river came along.

This hilarious picture book and heartfelt message celebrates the joy and fun that's in store when you embark together on a ride of a lifetime.

Themes

Adventure, animals, bear, beaver, community, duck, frog, friendship, travels, raccoon, river, turtle, waterfall

Author Information

Richard T. Morris is the author of *This Is a Moose* and *Bye-Bye, Baby!* He is a former E.B. White Award Honoree and Midwest Bookseller Choice Award winner. He lives in New Jersey with his family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--wyfRojEGA>

Discussion Questions

1. Why was the bear curious about the river?
2. Have you been curious before? What happened?
3. Why do the animals need each other?
4. Who would you take on a ride of a lifetime? Why?
5. What other adventures might be along the twists and turns of the river?
6. How does diversity benefit the community?

Activities

1. Notice the subtle use of color throughout the book. Make a picture using subtle use of colors.
2. Make predictions about what might happen after the "until". Share with a friend.
3. Field trip to the zoo to see the animals featured in the story.
4. Study how and why rivers move.
5. Create your own story of community. For example, what unites a diverse group of students?
6. Make a map of an adventure.



More Resources

<https://www.kidzone.ws/lw/bears/activities.htm>

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/water-science-activities-kids-stem/>

<https://www.naturespath.com/en-us/blog/activities-for-kids-learn-rivers-lakes/>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/build-classroom-community/>

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/527175/10-clever-facts-about-raccoons>

Similar Books

Windows by Julia Denos

Daniel's Good Day by Micha Archer

Bear Has a Story to Tell by Philip C. Stead

A Bear Sat on My Porch Today by Jane Yolen

Bear's Book by Claire Freedman

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

The Only Way is Badger by Stella J. Jones

Related Non-fiction

The Truth about Bears by Maxwell Eaton

Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis

The River by Elisha Cooper

The Wonder of a Waterfall by Allan Fowler

Look Where We Live! by Scot Ritchie



Harold & Hog Pretend For Real!

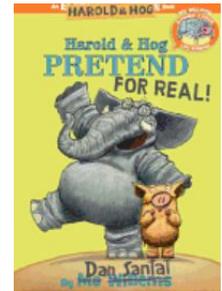
Author: Dan Santat & Mo Willems

Publisher: Hyperion Books for Children

Publication Date: 2019

ISBN: 9781368027168

Grade Level: PreK-2



Description

Can the friendship of best friends Harold and Hog, a carefree elephant and a careful hog, survive a game of pretending to be Mo Willems's Elephant and Piggie?

Themes

Elephants, Pigs, Friendship, Best Friends, Imagination, Dancing, Flying, Smiling.

Author Information

Dan Santat is the Caldecott Medal–winning and New York Times–bestselling author and illustrator of *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* and the road trip/time travel adventure *Are We There Yet?* His artwork is also featured in numerous picture books, chapter books, and middle-grade novels, including Dav Pilkey's *Ricky Ricotta* series. Dan lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and many, many pets. Author website: <https://www.dantat.com/>

Mo Willems has a knack for both writing and drawing images. He started drawing cartoons when he was a child and never quit. Mo Willems has worked for Children's Television Workshop and *Sesame Street*. He has six Emmy awards. He created *Sheep in the Big City* and *Codename: Kids Next Door*. In the library world, Mo Willems is better known for his children's books. In 2003, Willems released his first picture book, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Due to the popularity and writing, the book was given a Caldecott Honor. Now, the book is backbone of several other Pigeon books. Currently, Willems lives in Massachusetts with his family. He is no longer involved with television, but he is still drawing and writing. Author website: <https://mowillems.weebly.com/biography.html>

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to be a friend?
- What makes a good friend?
- Who was your first friend?
- Can you be friends with your parents? Why?
- How about a pet?
- Is it ever hard to be a friend? When?

Activities

- Active—Red Light Green Light (Personal Space Boundaries): <https://www.playworks.org/resource/game-of-the-week-red-light-green-light/>
- Mindfulness—Receive a Compliment: <https://www.counselorkeri.com/2019/03/09/mindfulness-group-activity/>
- Craft—Friendship Puzzle: <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/d1/1e/34/d11e34e6c9ad50a6c39582adf7716805.jpg>



- Craft—Friendship Quilt: <https://www.supplyme.com/products/friendship-unit-creating-a-friendship-quilt-a3084>
- Music—When Pigs Fly: <http://www.zoogobble.com/blog/2014/4/10/video-when-pigs-fly-ryan-adams-sings-sandra-boynton?rq=pigs>
- STEM—3 Little Pigs STEM Challenge: <http://www.sweetsoundsofkindergarten.com/2015/06/the-3-little-pigs-stem-challenge.html>
- Writing—Friendship Journal Prompts: https://www.journalbuddies.com/journal_prompts_journal_topics/friendship-day-prompts-for-kids/

More Resources

- Teaching About Friendship: <https://raisinglifelonglearners.com/being-a-good-friend/>
- Making Friends: <https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/teaching-kids-how-to-make-friends>
- 10 Facts About Pigs: <https://thepigsite.com/articles/10-surprising-facts-about-pigs>
- National Geographic/Pigs: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/pig/>
- 10 Elephant Facts: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/elephant-facts/>
- National Geographic/African Elephants: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/african-elephant/>
- National Geographic/Asian Elephants: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/asian-elephant/>

Similar Books

- *Pigs make me sneeze! : an elephant & piggie book* by Mo Willems
- *A pig, a fox, and a box* by Johnathan Fenske
- *Penguin & Moose* by Hannah Hall
- *Bogart and Vinnie : a completely made-up story of true friendship* by Audrey Vernick
- *Penguin and Pinecone : a friendship story* by Salina Yoon
- *You : a story of love and friendship* by Stephen Michael King

Related Non-fiction

- *Pigs* by Wendy Strobel Dieker
- *Pigs* by Gail Gibbons
- *African Elephants* by Kari Schuetz
- *Elephants* by Kate Riggs
- *We go together! : a curious selection of affectionate verse* by Calef Brown
- *Get Connected : make a friendship bracelet* by Dana Rau
- *Owen & Mzee : the language of friendship* by Isabella Hatcoff



Jasper & Ollie

Author: Alex Willan

Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: (May 28, 2019)

ISBN: 978-0525645214

Grade Level: Preschool-2nd



Description

Best friends Jasper and Ollie decide to go to the pool. *On your mark, get set . . . WAIT!* As Jasper races ahead—crashing into the mailman, speeding past the ice cream truck—Ollie takes his sweet time, pausing to admire a butterfly, smell a daisy, and help the mailman pick up his letters!

Themes

Foxes, Friendship, Individuality, Mindfulness, Sloths, Speed,

Author Information

ALEX WILLAN grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, where he was seldom seen without his sketchbook in hand. His love of drawing led him to earn a BFA in illustration from Savannah College of Art and Design. Alex has exhibited in art galleries and has painted murals, theater sets, and squirmy kids' faces, but his true love has always been children's books. He lives in Chicago with his dog, Harley. *Jasper & Ollie* is Alex's first book.

Discussion Questions

1. Which animal enjoyed their journey more and why?
2. Jasper pulls the alarm to look for his friend, Is there ever a time when it's okay to break the rules to help someone?
3. Jasper and Ollie are best friends even though they are very different. How do they make that work for them? Are your friends all the same as you? How could you befriend someone who sees life differently than you?
4. What are some ways you can slow down and notice the world around you?
5. What are some of your favorite: Flowers to smell? Ice Cream flavors? Places to go with a friend? Things to find in your mailbox? Are these the same or different from other kids?

Activities

1. Play Hide and Seek
2. Have a Race with you friends
3. Write a story using speech bubbles
4. Go on a slow "noticing" mindful walk; notice the sights, smells and sounds around you.



5. Eat Ice Cream with a friend
6. Go Swimming
7. Write a letter and send it "snail mail"

More Resources

https://images.randomhouse.com/promo_image/9780525645214_5725.pdf

<https://www.highlightskids.com/explore/science-questions/how-do-flowers-get-their-scent>

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/8-ways-to-teach-mindfulness-to-kids_b_5611721

Sloth Crafts by: Elle Deakin

Planting Seeds: Practicing Mindfulness with Children by: Thich Nhat Hanh

Mindful Moments for Kids: Listen like an Elephant by: Kira Wiley

Similar Books

The Sloth who Slowed us Down by Margaret Wild

Sloth at the Zoom by Helaine Becker

Hi, Harry by Martin Waddell

Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths by Graham Annable

Jasper and Ollie Build a Fort by Alex Willan

The Tortoise and the Hare

(The new version by Toni and Slade Morrison is a funny take on a classic story.)

Related Non-fiction

All Kinds of Friends by Shelly Rotner and Sheila M Kelly

Super Speed by Joanne Mattern

Sharks vs. Sloths by Julie Beer

Puppy Mind by Andrew Nance

Just Ask: be different, be brave, be you by Sonia Sotomayor



The Neighbors

Author: Einat Tsarfati, translated by Annette Appel

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

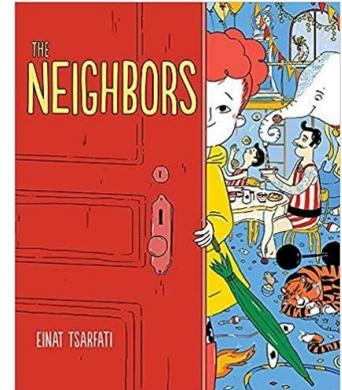
Publication Date: January 8, 2018

ISBN: 978-1-4197-3168-6

Grade Level: 4-8 years old

Description

As she climbs the seven stories to her own apartment, a little girl imagines what happens behind every door she passes.



Themes

Apartment buildings, Boring parents, City living, Community, Curiosity, Eccentric people, Family, Friends, Hallways, Imagination, Neighbors, Stairs

Author Information

Einat Tsarfati graduated with honors from the Visual Communication department at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem. She is a freelance editorial illustrator as well as the illustrator of books for children including *An After Bedtime Story*.

Discussion Questions

- 1 Do you know your neighbors? Do you have a favorite?
- 2 How close do you live to your neighbors? Can you smell their food? Can you hear their music?
- 3 What are some funny hobbies that people you know have?
- 4 Can you imagine a neighbor of yours having a pet tiger? Why? Why not? What clues are they leaving?
- 5 Which one of her neighbors is your favorite? Why? Who would you like to live close to?
- 6 How should her parents tell her they are superheroes?!

Activities

- 1 Draw an apartment building that is open to see inside. Who lives on each floor? Use your imagination! A fun technique is to draw the building (or a detailed map) with Sharpie, color in with oil pastels and then fill in the big areas with watercolor. This is fun for a range of ages.
- 2 Choose one of the neighbors and write a short story about them. Where did they live before? Include details like: who takes care of their pets when they go out of town? How do they pack their bags? How do they travel?
- 3 Write a song for her musical neighbors to play. What style is it?
- 4 Make food (real or pretend) to bring to a new neighbor for a WELCOME Party! Have a neighborhood party in class!
- 5 Invite a circus performer, explorer, or vampire!, to class to teach the class a few tricks or tell a few stories.



More Resources

"Hungry Planet: What the World Eats" - American photographer Peter Menzel and writer Faith D'Aluisio have traveled the world documenting that most basic of human behaviors—what we eat. A project from 2005.

Similar Books

- 1 *Mary Wears What She Wants* by Keith Negley
- 2 *Eloise* by Kay Thompson
- 3 *In Lucia's Neighborhood* by Pat Shewchuk (Author), Marek Colek (Illustrator)
- 4 *This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World* (Easy Reader Books, Children Around the World Books, Preschool Prep Books)
- 5 *Fizzlebert Stump The Boy Who Ran Away From the Circus (and joined the library)* by A. F. Harrold
- 6 *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig ~ Wonderful boring parents!

Related Non-fiction

- 1 *Just Ask* by Sonia Sotomayor
- 2 *Timelines of Everything* (2018) Smithsonian
- 3 *Apartment Book* by Leo Hartas and Richard Platt ~ Awesome cross section of apartments.



Oliver: The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth

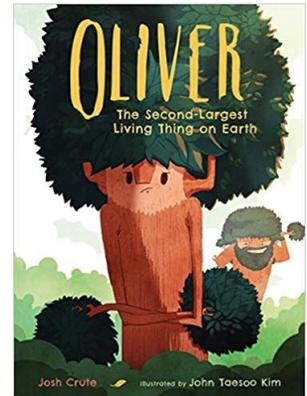
Author: Josh Crute

Publisher: Page Street Kids

Publication Date: September 11, 2018

ISBN: 11-624-14577-9

Grade Level: 1-3



Description

This story tackles the familiar feeling of being in someone's shadow—in a hilarious and endearing way. Readers will be able to relate to Oliver as he stretches his limbs in winter, lifts logs in spring, soaks up the sun in summer, and munches on mulch in autumn, trying to grow big enough to be noticed. Set in Sequoia National Forest, this story will appeal to national park visitors as well as kids who love nature and clever humor.

The bright and playful art brings the giant sequoias to life, and the interactions between the trees and furry forest buddies add subtle—and sometimes not-so-subtle—humor. Readers will want to join in on the fun and visit Oliver, Sherman, and all their friends in Sequoia National Forest.

Themes

Community, Confidence, Contentment, Envy, Friendship, Giant Sequoia, Inclusion, Self-esteem, Sequoia National Forest, Trees

Author Information

“Josh Crute is a debut children’s book author, but there isn’t a sign for that (unless this counts). When he isn’t writing at home in Los Angeles or making movies with his friends, you can find him in his native habitat, working as a bookseller in an independent bookstore. He is smaller than most trees but larger than most squirrels.”

“As a kid, there was nothing that made Josh Crute happier than reading books. As an adult, there’s nothing that makes him happier than writing them! Josh studied English at Samford University before completing his M.F.A. in Film Production at Florida State University. When his short film became a runner-up in the Children’s Category of the Student Emmys, he moved to California to seek his fortune in the movie business. While there, he created book trailers for authors, tutored kids in writing, and worked as a children’s bookseller in an independent bookstore. He finally put two and two together, abandoned the movie dream, and started writing books. His first picture book, *Oliver, the Second Largest Living Thing on Earth*, was published by Page Street Publishing. Josh now resides in the hills of Alabama. He loves post-punk, kung fu movies, and the Middle Ages, but has yet to figure out a way to get them all into one story.” <https://painted-words.com/portfolio/josh-crute/>

Discussion Questions

At least 5 open ended questions about the book, or its content. We want to get the kids thinking.

1. When have you felt like Oliver, in the shadow of someone else?
2. What eventually made Oliver feel better about being second best? Sometimes, we won’t win, even when we try very hard. What can help us feel better when we lose?
3. How can we be a winner that does not isolate themselves from others competing?



4. If we are only looking for the best, the most, the largest, the greatest, what is left out?
5. What communities are you a part of?

Activities

1. This activity relates specifically to the book:
https://12bdea39-3149-40e1-5bcf-fbe26c4bed5b.filesusr.com/ugd/c18080_9b6fba0adf164ba4824496a1c9f1523a.pdf
2. These activities relate specifically to trees:
<https://www.plt.org/family-activity/to-be-a-tree/>
<https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/tree-activities-for-kids.html>
<https://www.plt.org/stem-strategies/tree-lifecycle/>
3. These activities relate specifically to Sequoia National Park:
<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/sequoia-national-park>
Watch *Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks California Parks & Monuments*
4. Play a cooperative game and a competitive game. Talk about the differences.
<https://www.ultimatecampresource.com/camp-games/cooperative-games/>
<https://kidactivities.net/41-fun-cooperative-games-for-kids/>
<https://kidactivities.net/35-fun-competition-games-for-kids/>
5. Celebrate the second best things that day. Divide a group into age, and size and instead of noting who is the oldest, youngest, tallest or shortest, highlight the second and third and so on.

More Resources

<https://www.nps.gov/teachers/index.htm>
<https://www.epa.gov/students/planet-protectors-activities-kids>
<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/ppc-cal-t.pdf>
<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>
<https://www.plt.org/curriculum-offerings/>
<https://www.visitcalifornia.com/attraction/general-sherman-tree>

Similar Books

My Forest is Green by Darren Lebeuf
A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
Wordy Birdy by Tammi Sauer
Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns about Sportsmanship: Winning isn't Everything by Howard Binkow

Related Non-fiction

The Tree that Time Built by Mary Ann Hoberman Poetry
Sequoia and Kings Canyon by Mike Graf



Pop-Up and Build National Parks by Mike Graf

Sequoia by Tony Johnston

Redwoods by Jason Chin

Sequoia Kings National Parks by National Geographic Maps



Sign Off

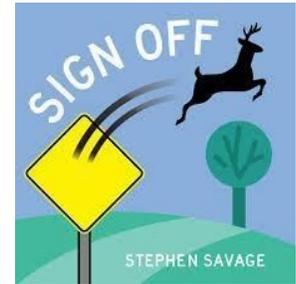
Author: Steven Savage

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

ISBN: 1534412107

Grade Level: Pre K-5



Description

What do the figures on signs do when no one is watching? Under cover of night, they leave their signs to play and collaborate in this imaginative story by celebrated author-illustrator Stephen Savage.

Themes

Wordless, signs and signboards, stories without words,

Author Information

Stephen Savage is the author and illustrator of nine books for children, including the *New York Times* bestselling picture book *Polar Bear Night*, written by Lauren Thompson. He is the creator of the Where's Walrus books, *Supertruck*, and *Little Tug*. Steve is the recipient of a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book Award, a Sendak Fellowship, an ILA Primary Fiction Award, and a Geisel Honor Award. His editorial illustrations have appeared in dozens of major newspapers and magazines including *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. He teaches at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan and lives in Brooklyn with his wife and their daughter.

Discussion Questions

1. Why are signs important?
2. What are some signs that show rules? Warnings?
3. What pictures helped tell the story?
4. What is personification and can you give an example?

Activities

1. Create a story or stop motion video where an inanimate object comes to life.
2. Create a new sign that could be displayed in the classroom or at home. Design it to portray a warning, informational or rule for that environment? Try to have it be wordless, but still get show the purpose of the sign. See if others can figure out the warning or rule.
3. Write a wordless story.
4. Read other wordless books and compare them.
5. Go for a walk to see where you can see signs and see if you can figure out what they mean.
6. Write a sentence that uses personification and illustrate it.
7. Create a readers theater from a wordless book.

More Resources

1. Guide for sharing wordless books
https://d28hgpr18am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/5048080/9781534412101_cg_a%20guide%20o%20sharing%20wordless%20picture%20books.pdf
2. Personification examples
<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-personification-for-kids.html>



3. Street sign jeopardy <https://jeopardylabs.com/play/2018-05-22-200>
4. Activities for wordless books.
<https://imaginationsoup.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Activities-for-Wordless-Picture-Books-with-Your-Kids.pdf>

Similar Books

1. *Flotsam* by David Wiesner
2. *The Red Book* by Barbara Lehman
3. *Truck* by Donald Crews
4. *Changes* by Pat Hutchins
5. *Chalk* by Bill Thomson
6. *Punctuation Takes a Vacation* by Robin Pulver

Related Non-fiction

1. *Green Means Go* by Susan Ring
2. *I Read Signs* by Tana Hoban
3. *Reading is Everywhere* by Martha E. H. Rustard
4. *Signs in Our World* by John Searcy



Skulls!

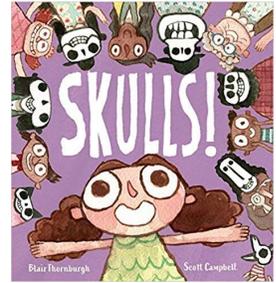
Author: Blair Thornburgh

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: July 23, 2019

ISBN: 1534414002

Grade Level: Preschool-3



Description

This smart, skull-positive story cheerfully dispels any fears kids might have about their skeletons, flipping our view of skulls from a spooky symbol to a fascinating, cool, and crucial part of our bodies.

Themes

Bodies, Bones, Human Skeletons, Human Anatomy, Humor

Author Information

Blair Thornburgh writes books for and about smart teenagers. Her first book, *Stuff Every College Student Should Know*, came out from Quirk Books in 2014 and makes a great gift. Her first novel, *Who's That Girl*, will be published by HarperCollins in 2017. She lives in Philadelphia.

<http://www.blairthornburgh.com/>

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of when you see a picture of a skull?
2. How can we keep our skulls safe?
3. What can we do to make sure our skulls grow strong and hard?
4. Why do you think skulls can sometimes be scary?
5. What are our skulls made of?

Activities

1. Let kids learn with the Squishy Human Body by Smartlab Toys
2. Make an art craft about anatomy <https://thecraftyclassroom.com/crafts/anatomy-crafts-for-kids/>
3. Use play dough to learn about your skeleton and brain <https://www.icanteachmychild.com/human-body-activities-for-kids/>
4. Create a felt replica of the body as shown here: <https://www.geodessee.com/montessori-anatomy-lesson-exploring-human-body/>
5. Explore other objects that protect something inside like eggs, nuts, seeds, fruit. Talk about what protects the inside the best.

More Resources

<https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/10-fun-ways-to-teach-kids-anatomy/>

<https://www.partselect.com/JustForFun/Anatomy-For-Kids-A-Guide-To-Body-Parts.aspx>

Similar Books



Samira and the Skeletons by Camilla Kuhn
I'm Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton
Happy in our Skin by Fran Manushkin
Give me Back my Bones! by Kim Norman
They all Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel
The Brain is Kind of a Big Deal by Nick Seluk

Related Non-fiction

Bone Collection: Skulls by Camilla de la Bédoyère
Professor Astro Cat's Human Body Odyssey by Dr. Dominic Walliman
Human Body! By Smithsonian Institution
Atlas of the HUman Body by Kanitta Meechubot and Dr Vanessa Jessop
Illumanatomy Kate Davies and Carnovsky
Book of Bones Gabrielle Balkan and Sam Brewster
Adventures of your Brain Dan Green and Sean Sims
Look Inside Your Body by Louie Stowell
The Human Body by Stephanie Babin
X-Ray Me!: Look inside your body by Felicitas Horstschafer and Johannes Vogt
My Amazing Body by Ruth Martin and Allan Sanders
First Human Body Encyclopedia DK First Reference
Bones: Skeletons and How they Work by Steve Jenkins



SumoKitty

Author: David Biedrzycki

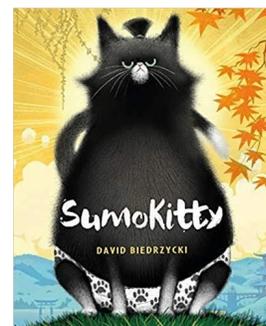
Publisher: Charlesbridge/Penguin Random House

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

ISBN-10: 1580896820

ISBN-13: 978-1580896825

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3



Description

Watch out, mice! This cat is a sumo champion!

A stray kitty gets a job in a sumo stable, chasing mice in exchange for food. But when eating like a sumo wrestler slows our feline hero down, he realizes he must train like a wrestler, too. Through hard work and perseverance--and with a little help from a big buddy--SumoKitty is born! A funny and heartwarming story inspired by the Japanese saying "Fall down seven times, stand up eight."

Themes

Cats, Hard work, Perseverance, Sumo Wrestlers, Wrestling

Author Information

David Biedrzycki isn't big enough to do sumo, but he did join the US Sumo Federation while working on this book. David Biedrzycki has been drawing since he was 4 years old. Growing up he wrote and illustrated his own books for family and friends. A commercial artist since 1980, his art has appeared in magazines, book covers, billboards, posters, juice bottles and even ice cream boxes. He illustrated his first children's book in 1996. Now David has returned to his first love of writing and illustrating his own books. He also visits over 70 schools a year sharing his work with aspiring writers, illustrators and readers.

To get in touch with David, send email to artofdave@aol.com Visit his website at:
<http://www.davidbiedrzycki.com/>

Discussion Questions

<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0750/0101/files/sumokitty-activity-kit.pdf?117>

Activities

<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0750/0101/files/sumokitty-activity-kit.pdf?117>

Origami Cat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqB3zMJXG28>

More Resources

Book trailer teaser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME0faL-K-NE>

Kids Web Japan

<https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/sumo/index.html>



Similar Books Fiction

<https://selfsufficientkids.com/childrens-books-perseverance/>

Salt in His Shoes by Roslyn Jordan

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Flight School by Lita Judge

Luigi and the Barefoot Races by Dan Paley

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Brave Irene by William Steig

You Can Do It Bert! by Ole Konnecke

How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers

Similar Books Nonfiction

The Noisy Paint Box: the colors and sounds of Kandinsky's abstract art by Barb Rosenstock

The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau by Michelle Markel

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The Very Impatient Caterpillar

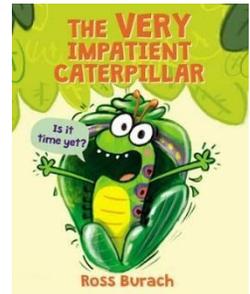
Author: Ross Burach

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Grade Level: P-3



Description

A hilarious, tongue-in-cheek exploration of metamorphosis will make you flutter with glee, while also providing real facts about how caterpillars transform into butterflies.

Themes

Butterflies, Caterpillars, Chrysalis, Controlled Breathing, Metamorphosis, Migration, Patience, Positive Self-Affirmations, Positive Self-Talk, Transformation

Author Information

Ross Burach loves drawing pictures, making up jokes, dabbling in animation, and hanging out with his family. He is the author and illustrator of *There's a Giraffe in My Soup* and *I Am Not a Chair*, as well as the illustrator of Jennifer Hamburg's *Billy Bloo Is Stuck in Goo*, hailed by *Publishers Weekly* as a "high-energy cartoon that looks as though it sprang directly from a child's imagination." Ross lives in Brooklyn, New York. You can visit him online at rossburach.com.

Discussion Questions

1. This book only covers a portion of the life cycle of the butterfly. What else is included in this life cycle?
2. Metamorphosis is something more than butterflies do. What other things go through metamorphosis? Do they all take the same amount of time to go through this stage?
3. Is there a difference between a pupa, chrysalis and cocoon? If so, what are those differences?
4. What is migration? Do other animals participate in this activity? Why do they migrate? Who was the longest migration and other notable mentions?
5. Patience is an emotion that is referred to in this book, especially in the phrase, "let nature take its course". How can you practice patience? What other emotions can you learn about?
6. The Impatient Butterfly practices positive self-talk, positive self-affirmations and controlled breathing for relaxation. Do you think these practices work? Why or why not? Learn a few tips and practice using them to see how they affect you.

Activities

1. Have a butterfly garden in your classroom / library. The below link is more expensive and comes with more caterpillars, but it also mentions at what temperature you should order and keep them in. There are plenty of options if you look at other viewed items. There are even further options outside of Amazon.
<https://www.amazon.com/Insect-Lore-Deluxe-School-Caterpillars/dp/B07N1H94SD?th=1>
2. Perhaps growing frogs are more fun for you.
<https://www.amazon.com/Insect-Lore-Deluxe-School-Caterpillars/dp/B07N1H94SD?th=1>



3. Try a Venus Flytrap (it isn't sharp) <https://www.nature-gifts.com/shop/carnivorous-plants/>
4. Purchase or create your own butterfly house or feeder.
 - a. <https://www.nature-gifts.com/shop/butterfly-houses-feeders/>
 - b. <https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/garden-butterfly-box>
5. Learn about Monarch butterfly migration.
<https://www.monarch-butterfly.com/monarch-migration.html>
6. Make a Butterfly using various resources. This link is for Pinterest.
<https://www.pinterest.com/MyButterflyLady/butterfly-arts-and-crafts-for-kids/>
7. Use the More Recourses section to find additional activities such as patience and mindfulness.

More Resources

- Butterfly Life Cycle:
 - <https://www.natgeokids.com/nz/discover/animals/insects/butterfly-life-cycle/>
- Metamorphosis and similar changes: <https://www.britannica.com/science/metamorphosis>
- Migration:
 - <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/activity/why-animals-migrate/>
 - <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/twelve-epic-migratory-journeys-animals-take-every-spring-180972001/>
 - <https://www.nature.com/scitable/knowledge/library/animal-migration-13259533/>
 - <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2010/11/great-migrations/>
- Patience for Kids:
 - What's Up Moms on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F45lrFLRPIU>
 - Q Wunder App: <https://qwunder.com/>
 - Life Hacker:
<https://lifelifehacker.com/15-ways-to-teach-mindfulness-and-patience-to-children-1787160073>
- Positive Self-Talk and Positive Self-Affirmations:
 - Self-Sufficient Kids: <https://selfsufficientkids.com/affirmations-for-kids/>
 - Power of Positivity:
<https://www.powerofpositivity.com/24-affirmations-help-build-positive-self-talk/>
- Pupa vs Chrysalis vs Cocoon: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/discover-butterflies/faq/>
- Relaxation Techniques & Controlled Breathing:
 - Calmer Classrooms on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sn_2GY1gTy0
 - Cosmic Kids Yoga Breathing Techniques: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sn_2GY1gTy0
 - Harvard:
<https://www.health.harvard.edu/mind-and-mood/relaxation-techniques-breath-control-helps-quell-errant-stress-response>
 - NY Times:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/09/well/mind/breathe-exhale-repeat-the-benefits-of-controlled-breathing.html>

Similar Books

- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- *How to Give a Cat a Bath: in five easy steps* by Nicola Winstanley
- *Llama Destroys the World* by Jonathan Stutzman
- *Dandy* by Ame Dyckman
- *Mr. Nogginbody Gets a Hammer* by David Shannon
- *Potato Pants!* by Laurie Keller
- *Underwear!* by Jenn Harney



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- *Everybody Says Meow* by Constance Lombardo

Related Non-fiction

- *Butterflies in Room 6: see how they grow* by Caroline Arnold
- *Migration: incredible animal journeys* by Mike Unwin
- *It Transforms!: magical animals that change before your eyes* by Nikki Potts
- *From Caterpillar to Butterfly* by Steven C. Anderson
- *Butterfly Garden* by Margaret McNamara (early reader)
- *I'm a Caterpillar* by Jean Marzollo (early reader from the caterpillar's point of view)
- *Bloom Boom!* by April Pulley Sayre
- *any other metamorphosis books featuring insects, amphibians...
- *any migration books
- *any books on mindfulness, positivity and patience



The Wall in the Middle of the Book

Author: Jon Agee

Publisher: Dial Books

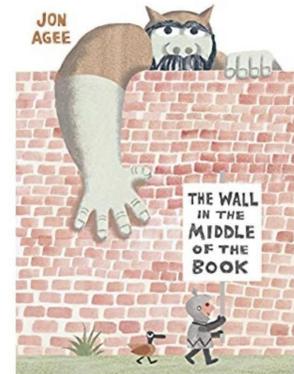
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ISBN: 9780525555452

Grade Level: 4-8 years, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, Homeschool

Description

There's a wall in the middle of the book, and our hero—a young knight—is sure that the wall protects his side of the book from the dangers of the other side—like an angry tiger and giant rhino, and worst of all, an ogre who would gobble him up in a second! But our knight doesn't seem to notice the crocodile and growing sea of water that are emerging on his side. When he's almost over his head and calling for help, who will come to his rescue? An individual who isn't as dangerous as the knight thought—from a side of the book that might just have some positive things to offer after all!



Themes

Anxiety, Fear, Inclusion, "Otherness", Assumptions, Differences, Humor, Knights, Ogres, Sea life, Separations, Walls, Wild life

Author Information

Jon Agee is the beloved author and illustrator of many acclaimed picture books, including *Terrific* (a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book), *Milo's Hat Trick* (an ALA Notable Book), *Little Santa* (an ALA Notable Book and recipient of five starred reviews), and *It's Only Stanley* (a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book). As a kid, he created picture books, detective comics, and flipbooks made out of train ticket stubs. ... The result was his first book of palindromes, *Go Hang a Salami! I'm a Lasagna Hog!* He lives in San Francisco, California. Visit him online at <http://www.jonagee.com>.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is there a wall in the middle of the book? Who built it?
2. What does the knight think is on his side of the wall? Is he afraid of something real? What is actually on his side of the wall? Does the wall protect the knight?
3. What does the knight think is so dangerous on the other side of the wall? What is really dangerous on his side?
4. Why is the knight dressed like that? Why not wear a t-shirt and jeans? Or better yet, a swimsuit!
5. Tell me about the mouse! What do you think the mouse thinks about the water, the knight, the ladder, the wall, the fish, the ogre?!
6. What does each side of the wall **sound** like?
7. How and why does the knight go to the other side of the wall?
8. What happens at the end of this book? Is it a happy ending?



9 {For a group that might meet more than once or for a longer period of time} Read Jon Agee's book ***The Other Side of Town***, are these 2 books similar? What message is the author sharing about the other side of town, or the other side of the wall?

Activities

- 1 Divide the class in two. Have a teacher/aide with each group. Build a wall in the middle of the classroom. Have each group build/create a surprise on their side. Talk to your friends on the other side of the wall. What do you know about/think they built?
- 2 Read/retell the story from the end to the beginning? What do you think about the knight's fears of the "other" on the other side of the wall?
- 3 Have the group act out the story. The mouse can be the narrator!
- 4 Where are there big walls around the world? China and Berlin are just two examples. Do they work to keep people out? Do they work to keep people in? What else can a wall do? Some walls are memorials, like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. People go to the wall in Jerusalem to pray.
- 5 Bring in cookies, hot chocolate, treats, fruits from other countries. Let the children taste something new and different. This could also be a fun activity using plants, insects, houses from another region perhaps in combination with clothes, games. The focus being on experiencing another culture - people on the "other side" of the wall.

More Resources

This is a great list of books about China and the Great Wall:

<https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2016/08/10-great-books-kids-learning-china/>

<https://www.jweekly.com/2018/10/04/interfaith-childrens-book-about-jewish-and-muslim-boys-in-jerusalem/>

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/greatwall/>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Berlin-Wall>

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain (Caldecott Honor Book) by [Peter Sís](#) (Author, Illustrator)

Similar Books

- 1 *Potato Pants!* By Laurie Keller
- 2 *Giraffe Problems* by Jory John
- 3 *Lion Lessons* by Jon Agee
- 4 *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal
- 5 *The Other Side of Town* by Jon Agee

Related Non-fiction

The Wall: A Parable by Gloria Jay Evans

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz • *NOT FOR CHILDREN* •

The Great Wall of China by Robert Coupe