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If Anything Ever Goes Wrong At The Zoo



Synopsis

â œlf anything ever goes wrong at the zoo, you can send the zebras to my house,â • Leslie tells the zebra keeper. She also invites the monkeys and the elephants. None of them ever comes--until one wet, stormy night when the zoo floods and the zebra keeper remembers Leslieâ™s offer.

â œltâ™s a simple, enticing idea, gracefully and logically developed by this new author and ably abetted by Dyerâ™s watercolors. . . . A real charmer.â •--Kirkus Reviews

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I just loved this book and so did my children. The illustrations are beautiful and colorful, the story is imaginative and fanciful (which is lacking in so many other children's books these days). This book is a must have for any young child!!!!

My two and four year old both love this book. One of my favorites. They can really relate to the story and imagine the animals we have seen at the zoo coming to OUR house. The pictures are beautiful.

A very good book to talk with kids about good versus bad choices and what the main character could have done differently. The illustrations are very nice, but what the kids loved most was all of the animals showing up at the main character's house.

I read this to 4th grade English Language Learners after they took a zoo trip. They were entranced with the watercolor art work, but also with the suspenseful story itself. Within a week the classroom teacher followed up with the student's by showing them other artist's watercolor paintings. Lastly the students created their own watercolor artwork. This is only one of many tangents for using this book as a teaching tool in the classroom or home school setting. For instance, not only art, but also activity lessons on safety around animals, special needs of animals, accepting others ideas/opinions, other watercolor artists, write to the author, etc. etc. It allows for creativity to abound. I loved it.

The book is worth buying just to look at the illustrations alone. Great appeal to anyone who enjoys going to the zoo or for kids planning their first trip. Captures the child's imagination with a little bit of silliness. A great book for young children to have.

My kindergartener loves this book and selected it for her grandma to read to her K class on a visit. The class was thoroughly engaged -- I'd say "on the edge of their seats" except they were sitting on the floor :-). Anyway -- they got all excited with what they knew was coming when the main character says of her zookeeper friends, "Oh yes -- they know just what to do if anything ever goes wrong at the zoo!" The entire class fully enjoyed the rest of the book too -- "Look, here comes the alligator!" We have a large kids' library, and this one is a frequent request. (And yes, the illustrations are lovely.)

When I read this at bedtime to our 3 year old (who loves animals and recently went to the zoo), we both loved it. He immediately asked me to read it again! It's very easy to relate to the little girl wanting the animals to come to her house, and then her dream coming true.

I bought this for my three granddaughters, age 3 and twins age 2. I like to buy books that reflect their experiences, and I gave them this after a trip to the zoo--they enjoyed it. Cute story and attractive illustration.

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