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From Reader Review Chimps Don't Wear Glasses for online ebook

Kelly says

Silly, fun, rhyming book that reads quickly. Best of all were the illustrations. Absolutely incredible. They are detailed and expressive.

Abraham says

What really caught my eye about this book was the picture of the chipmunk king, haughtily sitting on his throne and apparently shouting "Off with his head!" at the supplicant lion in front of him. It made me giggle and giggle every time I looked at it. :) Cute book! Fantabulous illustrations.

Emmaline MacBeath says

The first illustration in this book of hippie chimps wearing glasses while they "rock on" sets a fun tone for the remainder of the book. The illustrations are rich and colorful. I love the variety of the animals and the activities they do. This book would be a wonderful learning tool for young children. There is so much rich vocabulary like hang-gliding, square dancing, pole vaulting, chipmunk, yak, mardi gras, and more. There is so much to see in the illustrations that this book could be revisited over and over again. And once again, there is the fun and humor throughout the book that Numeroff is well known for. I would only give this four stars because the poetry is weak, but everything else shines so much that it makes up for it.

Diane says

Even though animals don't normally wear glasses, cook, or read, if you use your imagination you can see them doing these and even more fantastic things.

The illustrations are hilarious.

K Brown says

Chimps don't wear glasses and other animals don't do other things... a silly book about impossible things.

Rachael Reinert says

Summary: Chimps Don't Wear Sunglasses is about imagination and how everyone is different. This book is about imagining animals doing outrageous things that people would do, like cook, read, drive, etc. The reader gets to explore their imagination and dreams with whatever they might be.

Theme: Chimps Don't Wear Sunglasses is a book about exploring your dreams and imagination.

Personal Response/Recommendation: I would recommend this children's book, because it is a silly reminder that children need the opportunity to be creative. The illustration was so adorable and intriguing as a reader. You could start a conversation with children about possible and impossible or ask them to create an animal of their own doing something crazy. I loved the ending of the book that quotes, "But tell me what you see. It's you dream-not mine." Personally I highly recommend this book, because it takes you back to when you were young and how you thought you could do anything or be anything. It is so important to stimulate your imagination.

Avery Maxwell says

This book is a story about dreams and imagination and all the crazy things they can come up with together or separately. At first you don't know that this story is about imagination, the author is simply telling you all the things animals typically can not do, but at the end she states that they can do all of those things if we just think they can in our imagination. I think that this book is a good way to show kids the creativity of the mind. The story has a lot of imagination in it and even if it seems silly or fake, creativity is important in the world. It is also a rhyming story, so it can be used to teach rhymes to kids and how rhymes work in story-telling. I really liked the illustrations in this book because they are so complex and intricate and you can tell the illustrator put a lot of work into making the pictures. The facial expressions on each animal is different from all the rest and even little kids can tell what is going on in the scene based on what the animal's face looks like. I think that this is a clever book that would keep little kids entertained for a long time and even I enjoyed looking at the pictures for a while just to see all of the details.

Caitlyn says

Simple sentences on each page with lots of detailed pictures. Great for getting children's attention when reading to them.

Ashley says

Main Characters: Chimps, and all kinds of other animals

POV: Third Person

Setting: All different Outdoors Areas

Summary: This was a picture book about how everyone is different! I Absolutely loved this story. It talked about how you would never find chimps brushing their teeth or ferrets digging holes in the ground. The story talks about all different kinds of animals and rhymes the entire time. This is a poetry picture book that displays the differences amongst animals and humans. The drawings are hilarious because they are about different animals doing things that humans would usually be doing.

Classroom Uses / Theme: I would definitely use this in my future classroom. I would relate to themes such as animal vs. human / Impossible vs. Possible / friendship, hard work, etc.

Lexile Level: 1.0

Madison Niksich says

Numeroff, L., & Mathieu (1997). New York, New York: Scholastic, Inc.

"Chimps Don't Wear Glasses" is a hilarious tale about some silly chimps and other animals who do things humans do like drive cars and brush their teeth. Readers will get to explore their imagination in this wild book. As a children story this book is suitable for all ages. The exciting illustrations accompany the stories vivid descriptions of animals doing crazy things. Children are able to explore their imagination and think what it would be like if we really had talking animals in our world. The only weaknesses of this book is that the plot isn't believable making the characters hard to connect to. The story however gives teachers the opportunity to have student explore their imagination by thinking of something wild that doesn't usually happen in our modern times. Students can write what they make up and then draw pictures to present to the class.

Emily Kinsman says

12/1

Fiction

PreK-1st

This super simple but cute book has few words but lots of crazy art! It may only be funny to a 6 year old but its still humorous to all ages. I enjoyed reading through this book again!

Brooklyn Shaffer says

The illustrations in this book are detailed. They tell the story very well. I liked reading this book because it was funny.

Taylor Adams says

Main Characters: A family of Chimps and different kinds of animals

Settings: A neighborhood

P.O.V: Third Person Omniscient

Summary: This is a story about silly chimps who can do everything that humans can do like comb their hair, take baths, brush their teeth, and so on. There are also other animals that can hang glide, and square dance.

Lexile: Ages 4 and up

Classroom uses/Themes: It would be great for young children considering their love for animals and the goofy things that animals do in this book. For young children we could create the animal neighborhood and

each decorate masks in order to be a specific animal then pick three characteristics from the book. This could be a way to incorporate art into the classroom as well as a lesson on characteristics to characters in a book.

Kiana Gerard says

Do chimps wear glasses? “Just close your eyes and open your mind. You might be surprised at what you will find.” (Numeroff). *Chimps Don't Wear Sunglasses* by Laura Joffe Numeroff is a funny tale about the silly things animals cannot do. Numeroff starts out her book with ridiculous couplets about animals performing what human activities. The author engages the reader by asking the reader to open their mind to image all these hilarious images. The book comes to a close when Numeroff reveals who she is speaking to (a little girl) and tells her that whatever she imagines that its her dream, not anyone else's. This book will take children back to their wildest imaginations and encourage kids to be creative.

Numeroff's illustrator, Joe Mathieu, draws the title page like a bizarre scene of animals driving on a freeway. Both Numeroff and Mathieu want to create a wild and funny mood to the story. When I flipped through the book, each page portrays parodies of animals doing human things, like hang gliding horses or square dancing reindeer. Mathieu is famous for making ridiculous pictures in normal situations. For example, Mathieu illustrates a lion begging and bowing down to this tiny tyrant chipmunk king. Not only is that funny, but kids know that would never happen and that's what makes it so foolish. Mathieu did a phenomenal job perfectly portraying bright and crazy colors to the illustrations. The attention to detail helps kids to picture what a hang gliding horse or a square dancing reindeer would look like! Numeroff keeps the text to a minimal one sentence per illustration. Numeroff also creates rhyming couplets to make a sing song pattern. The picture mostly sums up the story. The whole book is just one huge list of what animals cannot do just for the fun and the humor. Some of the pages look like they go back in time. There's one picture of a seal flying a kite in colonial times, like what Benjamin Franklin did when he discovered electricity. Another picture portrays a family of otters in the most ridiculous eighties wigs and parachute pants. Also, the date on the pictures say '86, '87, '89, and '91. I love how this book has such a good message for the reader at the end of the novel. When Numeroff reveals a little girl in the story, her target audience, Numeroff tells her that whatever her imagination takes her, that its her dream and no one else's. Numeroff supports creativity and bringing out your wildest imagination. This book will cheer up anybody's day with humor, color, and creation. It sure cheered up mine!

Maki says

Funny story using imagination and dreams for kids. I enjoyed the ending.
