

I'm the
HAPPIEST



ANNA
SHUTTLEWOOD

It was a beautiful sunny day, and all
the animals were gathered together.
Giraffe had his head high in the trees.



"I'm the *tallest*," said Giraffe.
"And being tall is the most
useful thing in all the world."

The other animals

stretched

as high as they could...

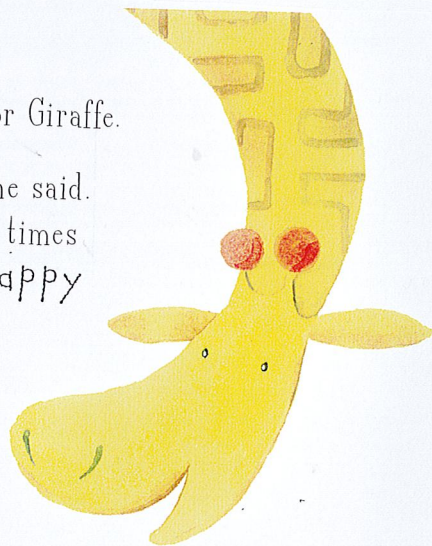


But none of the other animals
could stretch as high as Giraffe.
They didn't like that Giraffe
was the tallest.

Only Raccoon was happy for Giraffe.

"Oh, you are very tall," he said.

"You must be a hundred times
taller than me. I'm so happy
that you are tall."



Raccoon started
jumping



and clapping
his hands



and dancing his
happiest dance.

"Well, I'm the spikiest," said Hedgehog.
"Spikes keep me safe from danger and make me pretty."



None of the animals were
spiky, and it made them jealous.
Only Raccoon was happy for Hedgehog.



"Yes, you are spiky and pretty," said Raccoon.
"No one is as spiky as you are. It makes me
want to dance my *happiest* dance."

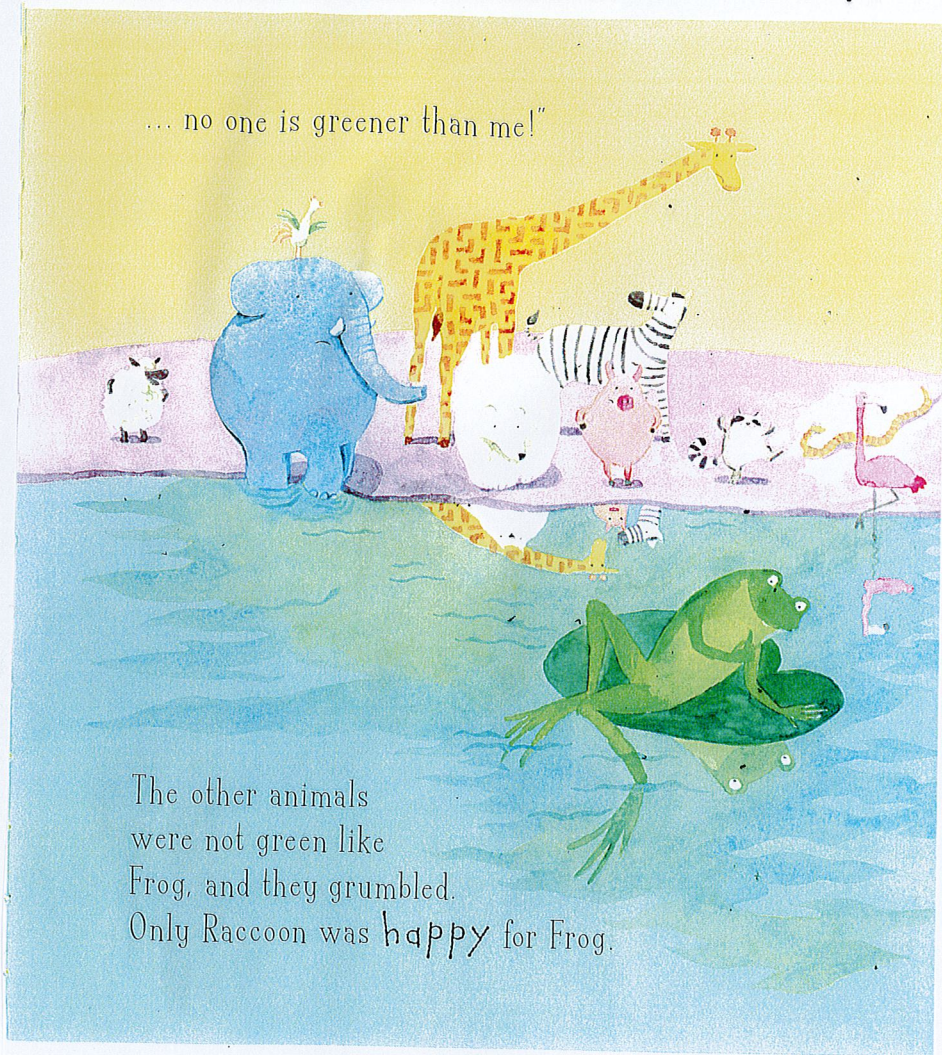
"Pretty?!" squealed Pig.
"Pretty means to be
nice and round.
I am the prettiest."



"Colour is important, not shape," said Frog.
"I am green, and green is the best colour."

The grass is green...

... the trees are green...



... no one is greener than me!"

The other animals
were not green like
Frog, and they grumbled.
Only Raccoon was happy for Frog.

The animals all started to
boast that *they* were the best.

"I'm the *stripiest*."

"I'm the most *colourful*."

"I can jump the
highest."

"I'm the
spottiest."

"I'm the

LOUDEST."

"I'm the *whitest*."

"I'm the *curliest*."

"I have the
most *teeth*."



"I'm happy that Giraffe is *tall*, Hedgehog is *spiky*,
Pig is *round* and Frog is *green*," said Raccoon.



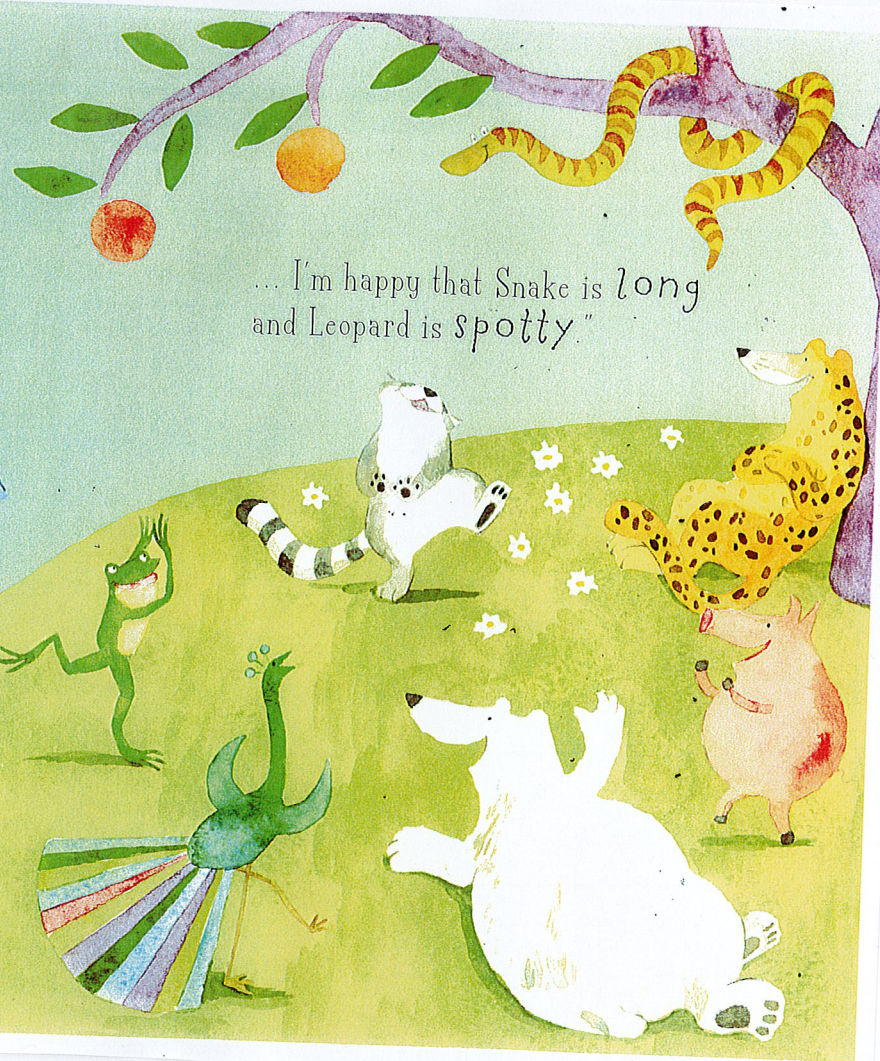
"You're all so wonderful and different –
it makes me want to dance my *happiest* dance!"



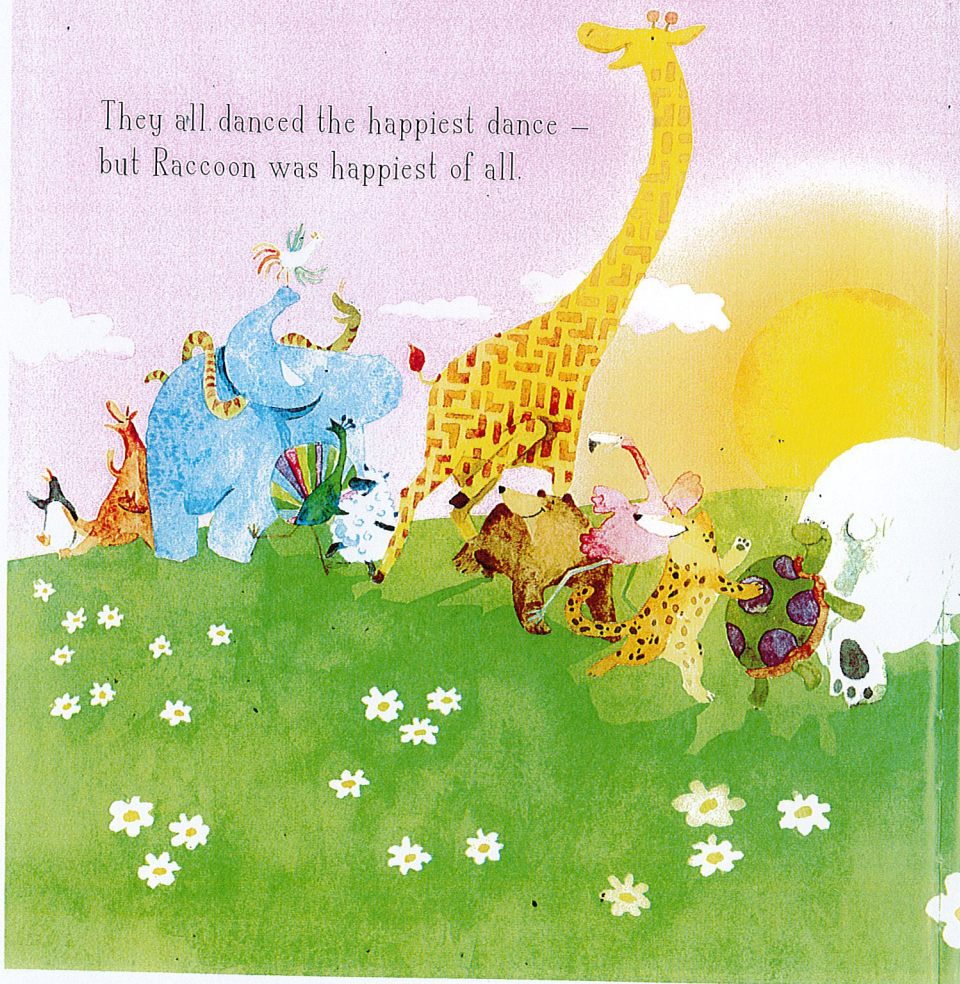
Raccoon danced around,
twirling and leaping.
It was such fun, it made all
the other animals happy too!

"I'm happy that
Mouse is small
and Elephant is big..."

... I'm happy that Snake is long
and Leopard is spotty."



They all danced the happiest dance –
but Raccoon was happiest of all.



"I'M THE
HAPPIEST!"

