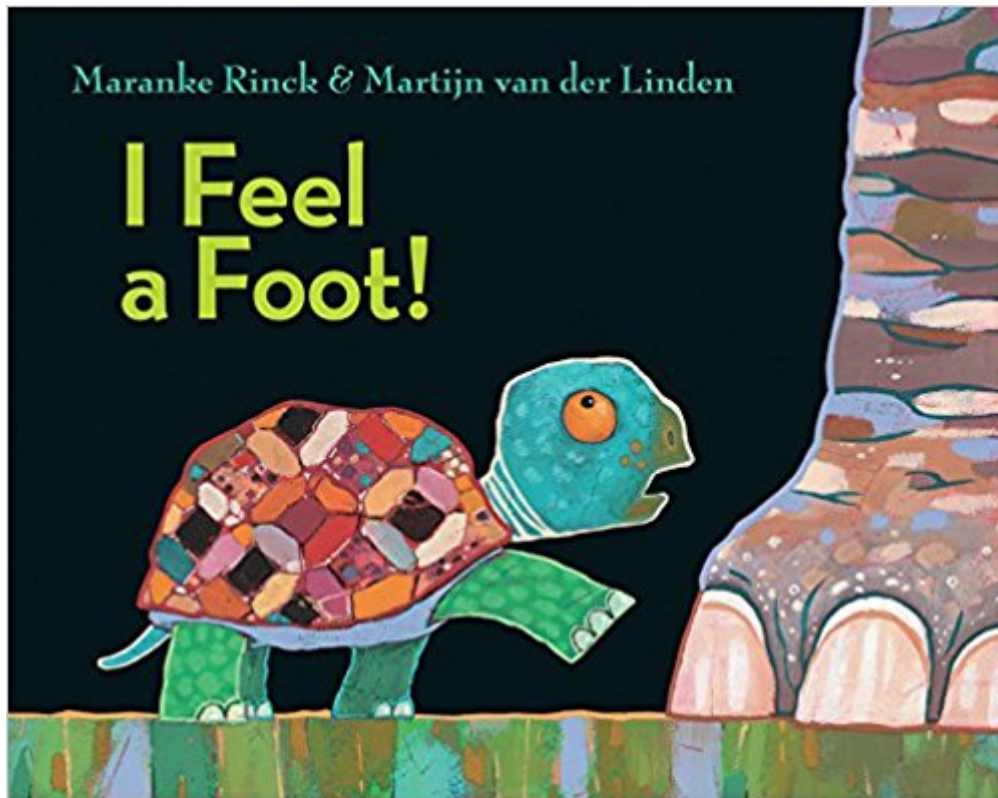




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# I Feel A Foot!



## Synopsis

"Between two trees, high above grass and ground, Turtle, Bat, Octopus, Bird and Buck are sleeping in a hammock. Suddenly, Turtle opens his eyes. 'Hey,' he whispers. 'Do you hear what I hear?'" Each animal's imagination runs wild with what wild creature may be making the sound they all hear. Is it a giant turtle? Or a bird with a giant beak? Perhaps it is Bat-Tur-Octo-Bird- Buck. Luckily for the small animals, it isn't any of these creatures. It is just their old friend Elephant who was out wandering around. The animals invite him to join them in the hammock and soon the wild imaginings about the night noises begin all over again.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1 • This new take on the Indian fable about the blind man and the elephant features an unlikely but appealing combination of animals. Turtle, Bat, Octopus, Bird, and Goat, asleep in their hammock, are disturbed one night by a noise. Each in turn investigates: Turtle finds a foot like his, except "super big," Bat thinks she finds a "superduper wing," Octopus discovers a tentacle similar to his, but longer, and so on. Finally they realize that it is only Elephant. With simple wording, Rinck injects personality into each animal and van der Linden's images interact well with the text. His stark black backgrounds spotlight expressively imagined animals that appear in psychedelic colors and patterns reminiscent of a kaleidoscope. The large art makes the book an

ideal read-aloud; after several re-readings, children are sure to join in on the "superduper" responses of the characters. A silly but clever twist at the story's close provides a "what happens next?" discussion opportunity. —Barbara Elleman, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Amherst, MA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

An International Best Book for Young People (IBBY) "Rinck's narrative is crisp and direct, and economical enough to be tackled by beginning readers, and van der Linden's illustrations are superb. ... A winner." --Kirkus (starred review) "This nocturnal guessing game from the team behind Prince Child and its companion, The Sweetest Kiss, will appeal to children and parents alike as a picture-book remedy to the notion of monsters-under-the-bed and as a clever puzzle for young animal lovers. ... Rinck and van der Linden strike just the right note between suspense and reassurance to offer a bedtime tale with a humorous twist."--Shelf Awareness

My four-year-old has memorized this book and loves the surprise reveal of the elephant. I like that it is very sturdy and nicely presented, with very attractive illustrations.

This book is absolutely stunning! Brilliant illustrations radiate from backgrounds of solid black. It's unusual to find a children's book printed in all black, which is a shame, because this one is downright gorgeous. The illustrator relies on both bright colors and beautiful patterns to create drawings that command the readers' attention. Five friends are fast asleep in their hammock when they are awakened by a strange sound. One by one, the animals investigate by feeling their way in the darkness, but cannot agree on what animal is making the noise. Turtle feels a giant foot and thinks it must be a turtle. Bat insists it is a huge bat after he touches an oversized wing. Octopus feels an enormous tentacle, Bird claims a large beak, and Goat discovers an enormous goatee. What could this possibly be? Aside from being a really beautiful book, this is also a darn fun read. Children will enjoy the excitement that builds with the turn of each page, offering up their own theories on the unknown animal that stands in the darkness. After the group manages to solve their mystery, six friends pile back into the hammock to finish their nap.

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