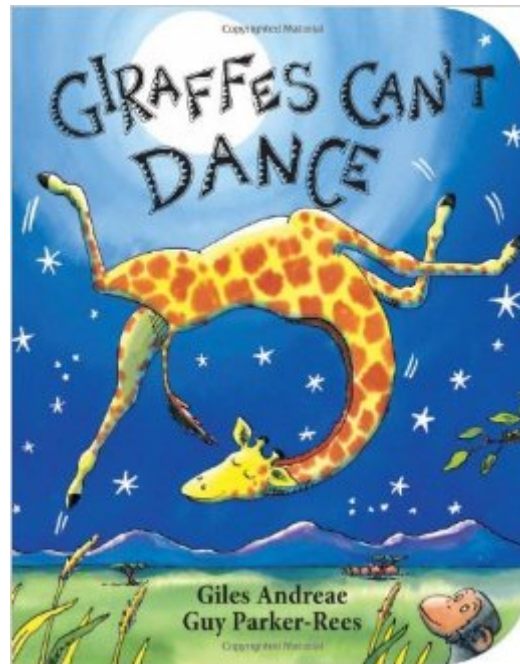




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Giraffes Can't Dance



Synopsis

The bestselling *Giraffes Can't Dance* is now a board book! *Giraffes Can't Dance* is a touching tale of Gerald the giraffe, who wants nothing more than to dance. With crooked knees and thin legs, it's harder for a giraffe than you would think. Gerald is finally able to dance to his own tune when he gets some encouraging words from an unlikely friend. With light-footed rhymes and high-stepping illustrations, this tale is gentle inspiration for every child with dreams of greatness.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 570 (What's this?)

Board book: 32 pages

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Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.7 x 7 inches

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Age Range: 4 and up

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Gerald the giraffe doesn't really have delusions of grandeur. He just wants to dance. But his knees are crooked and his legs are thin, and all the other animals mock him when he approaches the dance floor at the annual Jungle Dance. "Hey, look at clumsy Gerald," they sneer. "Oh, Gerald, you're so weird." Poor Gerald slinks away as the chimps cha-cha, rhinos rock 'n' roll, and warthogs waltz. But an encouraging word from an unlikely source shows this glum giraffe that those who are different "just need a different song," and soon he is prancing and sashaying and boogying to moon music (with a cricket accompanist). In the vein of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, Gerald's fickle "friends" quickly decide he's worthy of their attention again. With this rhyming, poignant (in a cartoonish way) tale, Giles Andreae, author of *Rumble in the Jungle*, and numerous other picture

books, shows insecure young readers that everyone can be wonderful, even those that march to the beat of a different cricket. The rhymes are somewhat awkward, but the bold, bright watercolors by Guy Parker-Rees will invite readers to kick up their heels and find their own internal harmony. (Ages 3 to 6) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

All the jungle's got the beat, but Gerald the giraffe has four left feet. Such is the dilemma in this British team's bouncy if didactic picture book about self-esteem. As a multitude of fleet-footed beasts eagerly "skip and prance" at the annual Jungle Dance in Africa, Gerald feels sad "because when it comes to dancing/ he was really very bad." Jeered by waltzing warthogs and cha-cha-ing chimps when he attempts to cut a rug, Gerald hangs his head and leaves the celebration behind. Luckily, a friendly cricket appears in the moonlight, chirping a morale-boosting song of self-confidence that soon sets Gerald in graceful motion. Andreae's rhyming text has a jaunty rhythm that's likely to spark interest in the read-aloud crowd, in spite of a heavy-handed message. Parker-Rees's kicky depictions of slightly anthropomorphic animals boogying on the dance floor are the highlight here. His watercolor and pen-and-ink artwork exudes a fun, party vibe. Ages 3-6. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

There's a reason this book is a top seller, it's adorable! I first read this book in a toddler book club when I was a nanny, I now read this book to my own children. I have read this book probably a hundred + times (not an exaggeration) and I still love it. I haven't found a child who didn't like this book, it's so cute. Great story, nice colorful illustrations. I highly recommend this book!

I'm going to side with every other member of this book's fan club. I bought his because I have a beautiful little boy who has some very specialized challenges, and I loved the message this book sends...that you can be different, you can even not be good at certain things in other people's eyes, but there can still be something beautiful only you can contribute. And I want my son to know and to hear that message that just like Gerald the Giraffe, he's got a very special dance that he'll be able to do. And I want him to be able to see that it's possible too, because I know sometimes it can be hard, especially when you're in therapy all the time and therapy is all about what's not going well and what's not going like normal, so I truly think this book has great value especially for kiddos who may struggle to do things the way other people "normally" do. It sends a very nice "yes you can" message, and I love it.

This is the third copy of this book I purchased! Such a fun and cute story! The first two times I ordered, I got the board books, and my most recent order was a hardcover (photos included for comparison). Unfortunately, I can't give this particular order the five stars I'd like to. I'm not sure if it was a packaging error, or an screw-up on the seller's end, but my hardcover copy of Giraffes Can't Dance had a pretty noticeable tear in its paper cover (pictured). It wouldn't be such a big deal if I were keeping it for myself, but I had intended to give it as a gift. Thankfully, the hardcover of the book itself has the same print as the paper book cover (pictured), so I will just be throwing the cover away. Still, I am rather disappointed with the copy I received. Product-wise, this book is a resounding five stars, I'd give it ten stars if I could! Sadly though, I was extremely disappointed in the packaging, and I hope the sellers can figure out what the issue was. I'd hate for someone to be turned off of this book, based on a poor packing and/or a ripped cover.

This book is in strong rotation during bedtime stories.. My kiddo is only 6 months but he loves the bright pictures and Mom and Dad love the story. When he gets older and is able to understand it's a great story of accepting people. Super cute!

This was given to our grandson on his first birthday. It's a clever story that shows everyone is different with different gifts and talents and ways of moving, no matter the size and shape of the body they are given.

This is such a sweet book, with bright and colorful pictures to go along with a bright and colorful message. I bought this for my two-year-old twin grandsons who LOVE books and they were delighted with it.

I have never heard of this book but it came up as a suggestion when searching for children books. My Sister in law loves giraffes and she is pregnant with her first born. I read this and fell in love! so much so I had to read to my husband and dad before gifting it! The story is great and the illustrations are fantastic. If you love music will love this.

My son is 2, this book is a bit much for him. The storyline and graphics don't hold his attention as well as many of our other books. He loves animals, but the pages are quite busy....really it isn't my favorite either! It's an ok story, the rhyming is mostly cute, it just seems like it leaves a little something to be desired.

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