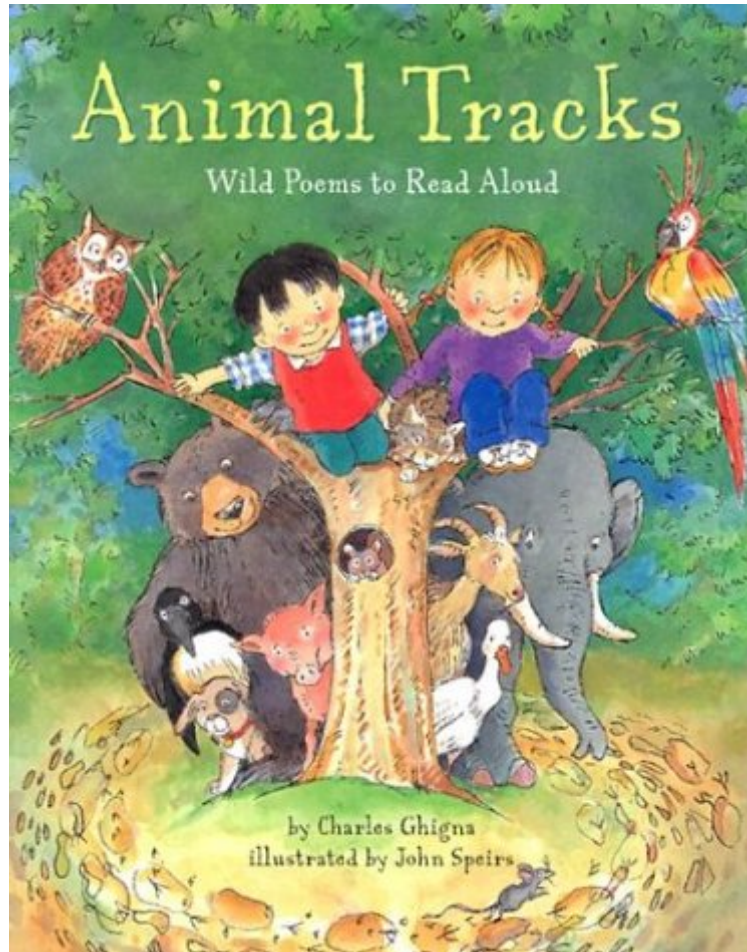


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A collection of simple poems about such animals as lions, hummingbirds, dogs, alligators, and seagulls includes a winning combination of facts, fantasy, fun, and fur, and is perfect for reading aloud.

From School Library Journal Grade 2-4-Rhyming quatrains and couplets that describe pigs, hippos, penguins, turtles, butterflies, hummingbirds and dogs are mingled with punny poems ("I will always BEE yours./I will never have any EGRETS./You are my one and only GULL./OWL always love you") and nonsense rhymes. A few are just too ridiculous and forced ("Is this stuff all well known?/I've never seen a shark who made a loan./This, too, sounds rather rash,/I've never seen a cow who carries cash"). Charming watercolor-washed pencil drawings of cartoon-style children, birds, and animals (some clothed) add significant appeal to the collection. An appended index lists each animal mentioned in the poems. A supplementary purchase where silly poetry is in demand.-Susan Scheps, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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