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How would you describe a hippopotamus? Big might be the first word that comes to mind. What about a whale? Gigantic? Immense? How about enormous! What if you had to find a word for the biggest animal of them all—a dinosaur. Mammoth? Humongous? Colossal!

With its bright pictures of animals in all shapes and sizes, this terrific read-aloud introduces young children to the language of comparisons, synonyms, and antonyms.

## **Big, Bigger, Biggest! Details**

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# From Reader Review Big, Bigger, Biggest! for online ebook

## Rachel says

This is a cute and friendly book full of color and personality. I picked it up after seeing it on a list for storytime books. And while I can see where other people could make this into a great storytime book, I am presently not one of them. (That of course isn't the book's fault. Just an observation.) I really liked the range of animals in the book and vocabulary that it presents is almost completely excellent. I also really like how as the book is over, the bats are just starting to come awake.

On the flip side here are the reasons that it wasn't fantastic for me: Some of the illustrations don't really work that well. The squirrel is ok, but the tail took me a minute to figure out with the ridges and the clam is just odd. But my bigger issue is Coffelt's tendency to use words to describe the creatures that are derived from the thing being defined. Telling me a clam is clammy, that the pig is piggish, of that the slug is sluggish is only helpful if you already know the words or the animals. It sort of defeats the point. Now if she had said that the newt was clammy or that the sloth was sluggish, that would have been far more interesting.

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## Adena says

3.5/5

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## Donnie Cox says

I really enjoyed the synonyms.

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## ColoradoBUCK Buck says

Words I've never even heard of in here!!! Very educational.

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## Jamie says

This book features animals in sets of three. The first three animals are big, bigger biggest. The second group of animals is small, smaller, smallest. The next group is fast, faster, fastest. The final set of animals is sleepy, sleepier and sleepest.

The illustrations for this book were done in acrylic paint. All of the characters are vibrantly colored. The brushstrokes are visible in each picture, adding interesting texture to every illustration. The animals are all painted on solid colored backgrounds.

This book would be wonderful for a storytime, especially if it was changed to a flannel board story. The storyteller could place each animal on the flannel board and recite the words that go with that animal. The children will love hearing the different animal voices. This book also provides an opportunity to expose

children to different words like “colossal” and “lethargic.”

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### **Miss Sarah says**

each animal presented in this book is given an attribute than expanded upon. cute preschool and up

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### **Melissa says**

Full of various adjectives to help kids learn.

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### **Taylor Hartman says**

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Number of pages: 32

Book format: print

Reading level: pre-k-2; GR level N/A

Genre: fiction

Lit requirement: concept book

Big, Bigger, Biggest by Nancy Coffelt introduces synonyms and antonyms when describing animals with adjectives. For example, a hippo calls itself big and give synonyms. A killer whale claims it is bigger and give more synonyms, but the elephant declares itself the biggest and give three more synonyms. This repeats with different adjectives and animals.

I rated this book five stars because it is an easy read, but it also gives readers words to use and replace adjectives that are not very attractive. This book could be used in lessons that talk about spicing up students' writing.

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### **Lorilynn Pumphrey says**

Copyright - Nancy Coffelt

Number of Pages - 32

Book Format - Print

Reading Level - Grades K - 2

Genre - realistic fiction

Lit Requirement - Concept Books

Summary: Take a look, glance, or peak inside this book you won't regret it!

Response: In my opinion, this book is an okay read. There's not really a story being told, but rather using synonyms for each animal being described. It can be used for a synonym lesson but depending on age, this

book wouldn't be a independent read. Some synonyms used are complex and would be for advanced readers!

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### **Dewey says**

I like it! Simple enough for any age group.

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### **Jane G Meyer says**

If you want to expand your child's vocabulary then this fun picture book is a great start. The concept is such fun--taking "big," and adding synonyms that fit with the word (huge, giant, ect...) and then "bigger" (enormous, gigantic, etc..." and then "biggest" (colossal!) The text explores other fun words a toddler or young child uses, "small," "slimy," "slow."

The simple, yet colorful illustrations fit perfectly with the text. Overall, the concept of the book is executed beautifully!

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### **Milton Moon Louie says**

Lots of big words to describe "big". B

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### **Casandria says**

A great book to use to talk about synonyms and words in general.  
Words

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### **Gwen the Librarian says**

What I really enjoy about this book of comparatives is the great use of synonyms and unique vocabulary. For example: "I'm fastest! I'm fleet. I'm meteoric. I'm hypersonic!" It would be great to use with preschoolers through 2nd graders because of all the word choices and could launch a fun writing exercise. On the other hand, there are no illustrations actually comparing the sizes, speeds, or other things to get a feel for the comparisons. But then, how do you really show sleepest? The bright illustrations are simple and engaging.

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### **Leslie Burke says**

I love interesting vocabulary and this book delivered!

