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A celebration of a child's growing self awareness, and a prime example of how books can contribute to this. Whether brave or shy, strong or weak, in the end the young boy celebrates all different, apparently contradictory parts of himself.

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Jennifer says

A hit with my three year old. We got it from the library, and within a few days he could "read" the entire thing to us or himself. I think it's the first book he's memorized in its entirety.

The illustrations are great--big, lush, expressive.

That's all it needs to be a great book in my mind. But in this case, maybe it will also help just a little with his current phase of insisting he's "happy all the time"--even through tears. And that would be a welcome bonus.

Peg says

Fun to read and as a read-along - catchy to say the least. Beautiful full page illustrations. Still quoted and my children are grown!

Manal Cheikh says

Great book get children moving with action and lets them know that their personality is made up of many feelings and it's ok to feel the opposite of one feeling or another, feel big, feel small, feel loud, feel quiet. We are all of these things and that's what makes us unique.

Katie Coci says

"Quick as a Cricket" is full of wonderful detailed illustrations. This is a very basic "all about me book" that young readers would love. The only character in this book is a young boy that describes himself using a variety of animals. For example he states, "I'm as loud as a lion." This book would be great to teach comparisons using similes. Also, this book would be a great model for the students to write their own "all about me" book.

Caitlinleah says

The board book edition loses a star for me. Many of the illustrations are cut off, the story starts on the front cover and ends on the back cover- the library bar code covers it up. It's painful to lose so much of these gorgeous illustrations. The charming similes and even rhyme scheme make it an excellent book.

Serpil Dislen says

I love this book. It is very simple with large pictures, but is great for introducing comparisons and adjectives. ("I'm as quick as a cricket") Its simplicity is appealing yet it also uses words that are a little less common in a preschooler's vocabulary. The young kids can enjoy the story and get in some practice using opposites.

Holli Shipley says

I enjoyed the book, it gives good examples of the different personalities a child can have. The illustrations make it easy to retell the story. I believe this book could open up good discussions on how a child feels.

Amy Buthelezi says

The illustrations are vivid, detailed, and captivating. This book teaches comparisons of qualities, size, feelings, etc., using similes. The book is great for preschoolers, exposing them to new adjectives and names of animals. The theme of the book teaches highlights on a child's uniqueness and abilities.

Leigh Triplett says

This book is full of descriptive words and different animal names. The children would be able to enhance their vocabulary while following along with a fun story. The pictures are colorful and entertaining to complete the story.

Anita Marlin says

Every page is colorful, one animal with a short sentence. The children will learn a lot of adjective words and animals, and will understand what is the meaning of simile. The young children will read it by themselves easily after hearing few times. It is a self book which let children know they can have many kind of characters.

Courtney Hoke says

Great short story that made many connections from the little boy explaining how he is "tough as an ox" and "loud as a lion." With these connections, children can associate two things together and even know something about that animal... they are also learning about metaphors! The color scheme was well done as each picture (colors used) set the mood. Great book, I give it 5 stars because children will be able to pick up on such easy metaphors and transfer them into their lives.

Jazmin Palma says

This is a good book that can be used for very young children. Each page has a different animal as well as a description using an adjective of what that animal might be thought of being. It has great colorful illustrations that could hold the attention of the children.

An activity I would do is after reading and talking about the book, the children could draw a picture about themselves using different materials and write a describe that states what they feel are their capabilities or abilities. And it can also be used for an activity about animals and learning about them and what they can do.

Marlene says

A child talks about all the different animals and insects he is like. Beautiful illustrations with simple, easy to read words. My preschoolers LOVE this book! It opens so many different conversations with each of them. I will read it every year I am a teacher.

Kathryn Brunk says

This book has the most fabulous illustrations that depict the adjectives described in the book. This book is all similes that are comparing adjectives to animals. This book can be read a very expressive way that helps to describe the adjectives even more. I just can't get over the illustrations, they are so descriptive and colorful, and they can be found on the author's website.

Learning Experience- I would use these printable illustrations and glue them onto a Popsicle stick. I would hand them out to children in the class right before I read the book and as went through the pages of the book I would the child with that prop stand up and depict with their voice and body the adjective.

Chelsea says

This makes a great bedtime story book for very young babies to early readers. This is a wonderful story to read to children. This book has beautiful artwork, rhyme and rhythm to the words, and interesting characters to capture little imaginations.

Sterlande Altidor says

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Tasneem Zafer says

A wonderful short text with beautiful rhymes but AWFUL illustrations!!

Sylvia says

This book is an old favorite of mine that I read to my sons and look forward to reading to my grandkids. As everyone else has said in their reviews, the illustrations are magnificent. A great book for 3-4 year olds. It is also a wonderful interactive book for children. I liked to ask my sons to mimic the faces of the little boy and they loved acting "as loud as a lion" and "as wild as a chimp".

A happy book!

Valentin Eni says

Un copil se compară cu diferite animale, atribuindu-ăi de la fiecare câte o însușire, de fiecare dată aceste însușiri vin în opozitie una cu alta, sau ar fi complementare. Pictorul a lucrat mult să aibă cut treabă bună.

Heidi-Marie says

Definite toddler potential. It might be a bit too long for the really young crowd I usually get. So I'm looking at how to shorten, and also involve them without being too repetitive or, well, odd.

8/2/10 I shortened the book, but I think this group could have handled it. They were a good group in joining along with the different animals. They liked the ending.

8/4/10 smaller, younger, wiggly, and more distract-able group. Shortening it was a wise choice. Some followed, some didn't. Ending was still liked.
