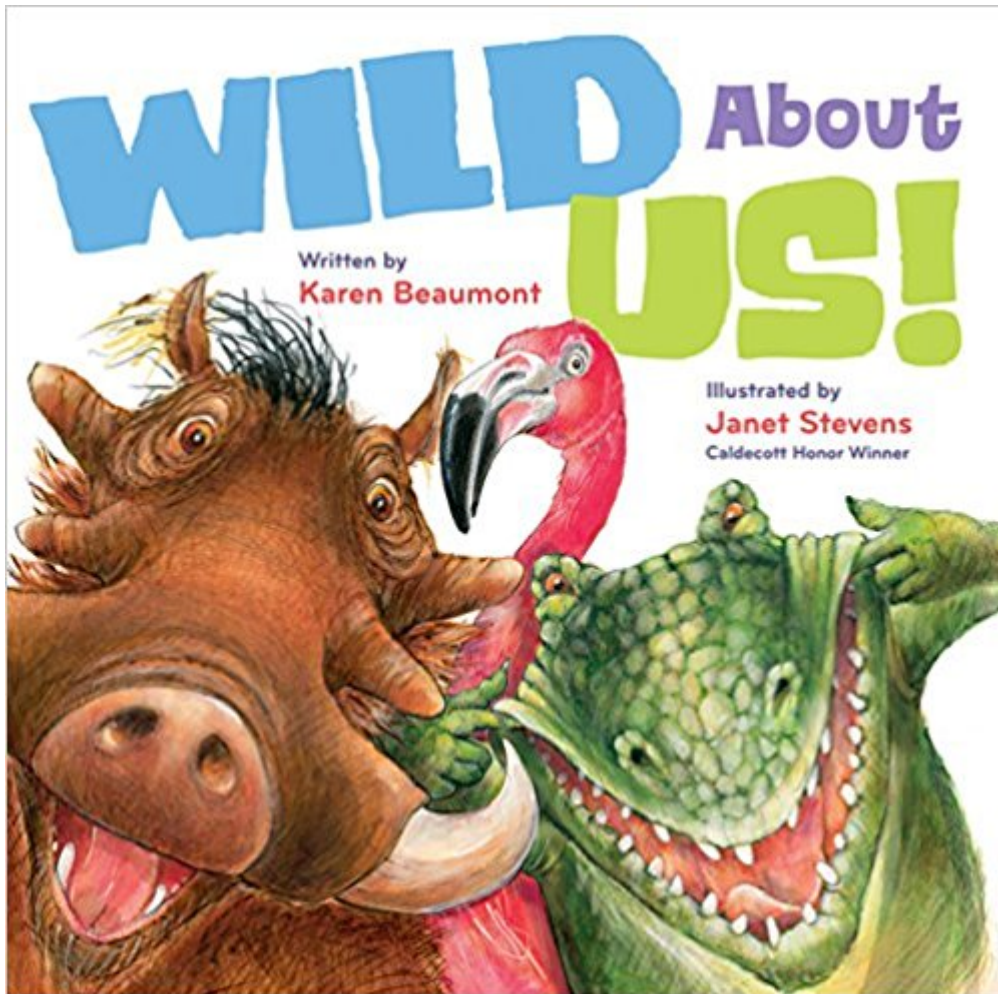




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Wild About Us!



Synopsis

Warty Warthog may have warts and tusks, but he likes himself that way! Join him as he celebrates all of his animal friends and the attributes that make each one unique. Whether it's Crocodile's toothy grin or Kangaroo's huge feet or Leopard's spottiness, each animal is different. Wouldn't it be dull if all the animals at the zoo and all the people in the world looked alike? A joyful picture-book celebration of everything that makes us individuals!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 • A warthog narrates this bouncy rhyming text to explain the uniqueness of each zoo animal, pointing out that the creatures don't mind having features that could be considered flaws. "I have TUSKS! I have WARTS! But I like what I see! In my own special way, I'm as cute as can be." There is no real story line, just a strong message of positive self-esteem: "We are all the way we are all meant to be!" Big, bold watercolor and colored-pencil illustrations pop against white backgrounds, and a variety of fonts emphasize the special characteristics of each animal, such as the long nose of the elephant or the pink feathers of the flamingo. Some spreads require that the book be rotated 90 degrees, keeping the reading experience dynamic. At the surface level, the book is a paean to diversity and the beauty of each individual. However, logic breaks down when

comparing human diversity to that of animals in the zoo. For example, a child unhappy about towering over friends won't be comforted to hear that "No one laughs at Giraffe 'cause he's LANKY and TALL. Here at the zoo, there is room for us all," since it can easily be argued that all giraffes are tall by nature. VERDICT The book might work as "quick and dirty" bibliotherapy or as a discussion starter, but examining it too closely will deflate its message. — Heidi Estrin, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, FL

"Beaumont shines in rhythmic play...Stevens [is] a master at animal portraiture...A gleeful look at self-acceptance." — Kirkus

What a cute story about embracing the qualities that make you unique. I love the message, and it makes it easy for my boys to understand. Books that rhyme are just fun to read and the illustrations are very cool. I get bored easily with kid's books but I keep pulling this one out of the book closet!

great kids read

A cute book

This was a great book to teach that we are all different and need to be happy with who we are!

This is a great book about accepting your flaws and loving them! My pre-k's love it! There is also a fly on each page they like to find!

This is such a great anti-judgment book for kids!

Such a delightful book.

Interesting book. Great service.

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