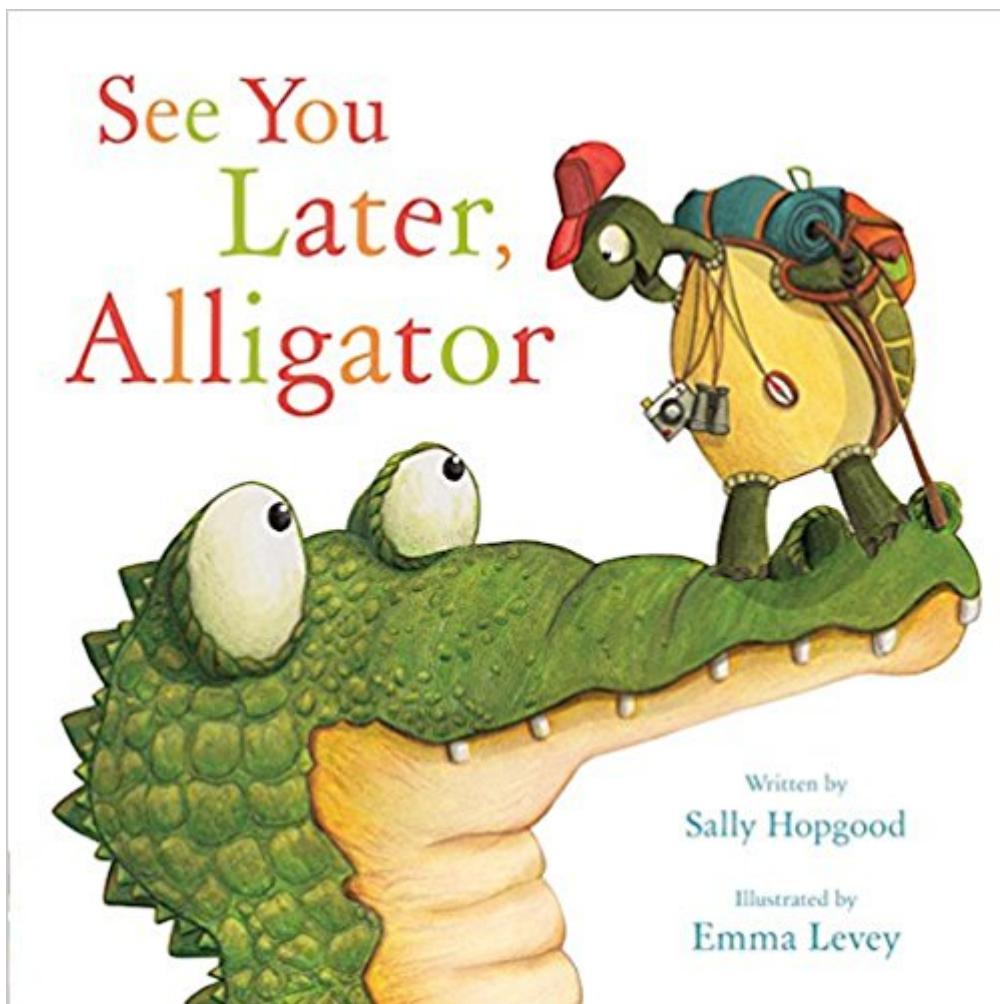


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See You Later, Alligator



Synopsis

A departing tortoise has his bags packed and is almost ready to set out on an adventure, but he can't leave until he says good-bye to each of his animal friends. The tortoise stops for every last timid mouse and bumblebee, shouting his rhyming good-byes, making you wonder if, perhaps, he's stalling the start of his trip. His animal friends appear startled as he suddenly pops up on each page to say adieu; especially the perplexed rhinoceros the tortoise mistakes for a unicorn! With each farewell, the tortoise's good-byes get sillier and more creative. When will the good-byes end and the adventure begin? See You Later, Alligator is a silly story with bright, engaging illustrations and expressive, rhyming text that children will want to read and giggle through; again and again. Sky Pony Press, with our Good Books, Racehorse and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of books for young readers; picture books for small children, chapter books, books for middle grade readers, and novels for young adults. Our list includes bestsellers for children who love to play Minecraft; stories told with LEGO bricks; books that teach lessons about tolerance, patience, and the environment, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-Tortoise is ready to go on an adventure, and courtesy of an illustrated map before the title page, readers understand that this story likely takes place in a zoo or animal sanctuary of some kind. He bids his friends farewell, beginning with, "See you later, Alligator. I'll be a while, Crocodile." He continues with, "Toodle-oo, Kangaroo. I'll call you soon, Mr. Raccoon." And many more. In fact, Tortoise spends so long saying good-bye that he never makes it on his adventure. While the concept is cute and the end joke is spot-on, this book suffers from a dissatisfying rhyme scheme that is trying too hard. By the fifth good-bye, the rhymes seem completely forced, and nicknames begin to take precedence over the actual species names. In the end, Levey's illustrations are the real highlight. Children will likely stick through the story and enjoy pointing out various elements (like how the Rhinoceros is called a Unicorn), but it's not worth the read-aloud struggle. VERDICT The delightful illustrations are not enough to make this a must-purchase.-Shana Morales, Windsor Public Library, CT

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What a cute story this one is!! Imagine a cute little tortoise and the largest Zoo youâ¢â™ve ever been in. The adorable little tortoise is heading out to explore the world! He has his camera, sleeping bag, knapsack packed and he is ready for an adventure!However, he canâ¢â™t possibly leave without saying goodbye to his friends. Each. AND. Every. Single. One!! This reminded me of trying to get my kids to say their prayers at night. When we would get to the andâ¢â™ God Bless, Mommy. God Bless, Daddy. I would be gritting my teeth when were blessing the family that lived on the corner 3 years ago. (I think itâ¢â™s bad if you growl at your kids while they are blessing people thoughâ¢â™ right???)So, as I was saying, the tortoise goes around to say his goodbyes in sing-song goodbyes like See you later, Alligator. Iâ¢â™ll be a while crocodile. Each of the cute sayings has a colorfully, fun illustration to match. The five-year-old cracked up when we got to Iâ¢â™ll call you soon, Mr. Raccoon. Mostly because Mr. Raccoon is carrying a bright red purse and a cell phone. These are the little touches throughout the book that makes you want to read it over and over again because it really wasnâ¢â™t until the third or fourth reading that we even noticed the cellphone in Mr. Raccoons hand.The illustrations are cute and detailed.Now, I

won't tell you about the last couple of pages but they will make you laugh. I promise.

Nice version of the kiddie rhyme. Cute illustrations. Fun to read to toddlers and for beginning readers.

The book is an excellent read, funny and cute and silly, but deducting a stat for packaging. Leaves a lot to be desired. The dust jacket arrived torn.

I purchased this book for my 2 year old grandson. He loves it.

My four year old grandson learned this phrase and was always going around using it. When I saw this book, I had to buy it. He LOVED it! The story was cute and the illustrations wonderful.

Really cute going away book for a friend. Not only good for kids but adults who may have grandparents.

Cute book!

This book is like a fantastic crescendo of silliness. You start at a zoo where tortoise has packed up his things and decided to go on an adventure. Being the kind tortoise that he is, first he must diligently say farewell to all the other animals. When increasingly silly rhymes, including a confused rhino who is mistaken for a unicorn, tortoise trudges around the whole zoo. The true laughter erupts when you realize that not only has he taken too long to leave now, but that he'll be back again tomorrow to say his see you laters just as he was the day before. A perfect tale for enlisting young animal lovers in a fit of giggles.

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