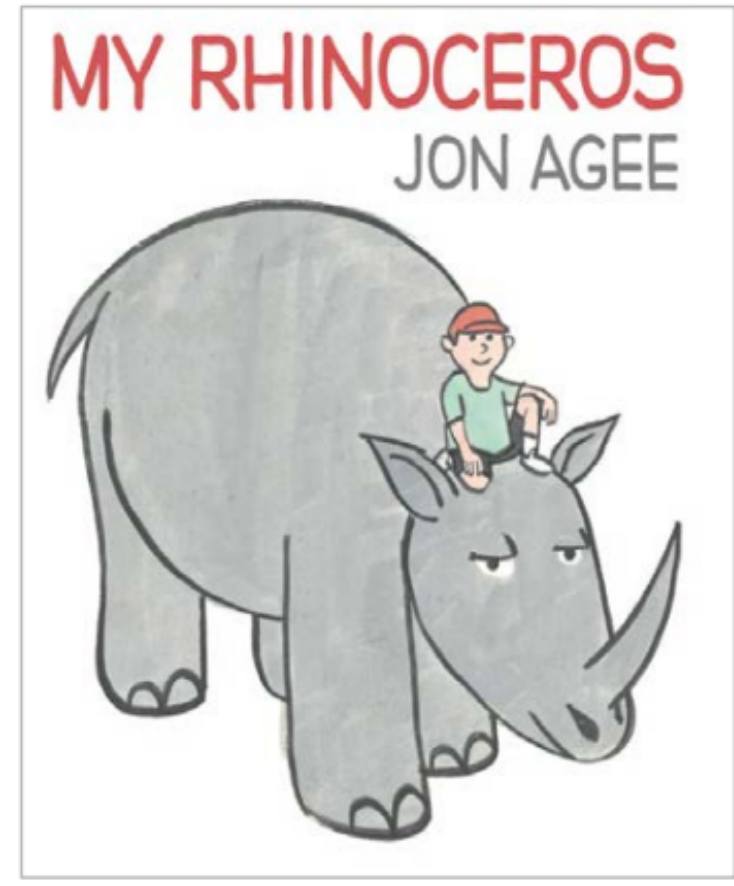


My Rhinoceros

By Jon Agee



This is a hilarious story where a boy finds out that his pet rhinoceros can do a lot more than he bargained for!

If you should ever get a rhinoceros for a pet, you're in for a surprise. It won't chase a ball. Or a stick. Or a frisbee. In fact, according to the experts, a rhinoceros does only two things: pop balloons and poke holes in kites. But don't be discouraged. As you'll discover in this book, rhinoceroses can do more – so much more – than that!

This is the ideal book for developing comprehension skills and enhancing understanding. Below are some questions to you could consider when reading this book with children:

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Look at the cover and first line of the story: 'When I bought my rhinoceros, I didn't really know what I was getting into', what do you think will happen next? How have the front cover and the first line helped you come up with this idea?

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Who are the characters in the book?

Who is telling the story?

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What does the word 'exotic' mean?

Can you think of any other 'exotic' animals?

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Why do you think the boy was disappointed by his rhinoceros?

How did his feelings change as the story developed?

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How does the rhinoceros save the day in the story?

What is the rhinoceros' unexpected superpower?

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Can you use three sentences to describe the beginning, middle and end of this text?

Some suggested activities:

Think about your own pet or a pet you would like to own and research how to look after it.

Can you write a set of instructions to explain this?

Think of an animal to match every letter of the alphabet
e.g. A - ant, B - bat, C - chameleon, D - dolphin etc.

Read a non-fiction book about rhinoceroses or another exotic animal and create a fact file about the animal.