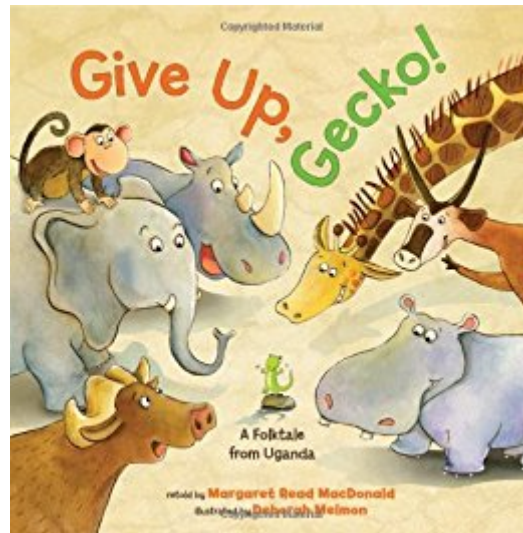




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Give Up, Gecko!



Synopsis

“Elephant! Elephant! Heavy! Heavy! Heavy! Elephant! Elephant! STOMP! STOMP!

STOMP!” Elephant was shouting and stomping. But could he stomp a hole deep enough to reach water for the thirsty animals? Maybe maybe not. All the animals tried until tiny Gecko Gecko takes a turn. He is small...but he is determined. And he’s not going to give up! Kids will love to chant and stomp along to this Ugandan folktale.

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Customer Reviews

We bought this book to take to our almost 4-year old grandson. He ****LOVED**** it! The first time I read it to him, we read it at least 4 times in a row. Then, over the next 4 weeks, we read it several more times. He really enjoyed shouting with the animals and me, "Give up, Gecko!" and, then, "Don't give up, Gecko!" What fun. And, besides being a great book, it arrived in perfect condition and right on time.

In this traditional Ugandan folktale, Gecko teaches his community about courage, teamwork and resistance to bullying. Even once the goal is achieved, lessons about perseverance, resilience,

forgiveness, and sharing play out through the very end in sunny pastel whimsical illustrations. A pick-me-up book for all ages.

My grandson enjoyed being read this book several times in a row before he fell asleep at nap time. There are recognizable animals and repetitive phrases that make it attractive for a two-year old. And it has a good message--persistence pays off, and the littlest can often make the biggest contribution. Another plus is that it is based on an African folk tale.

I thought the message here was very well presented. Size doesn't matter nearly as much as enthusiasm and persistence. Following your own inclination regardless of what the crowd may say is a good message for youth in an age when they are bombarded by so much negativity.

Everything about this book was great except the small font size of the print. Perhaps the repetitive language can be more featured to engage young readers more.

Good for toddlers and preschoolers. Great moral lesson on perseverance and never giving up no matter what other people say, or how small you are..

Our 3 year-old granddaughter loves it. The repetition and rhythm are enchanting. My only complaint is the small print, very hard to read on the Kindle. Otherwise, I would give it 5 stars.

After spending time in Thailand, my 2 year old son was afraid of geckos. This book is great on many levels - first, it's an African story and we love to bring diversity into our family reading, second the underdog keeps at it and saves the day and lastly, even if you are little your contributions matter to the group/family.

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