

Baby hippo wakes up with a problem. She has the hiccups, and they won't let her sleep. Under the dawning African sun, she walks around her lakebed home and asks for help from an assortment of animal neighbors. Monkeys, a zebra, an elephant, a lion, and an aardvark are just some of the animals that share their own special cures for the hiccups.

The delightful illustrations, upbeat rhymes and funny content make this an excellent read-aloud for the whole family.

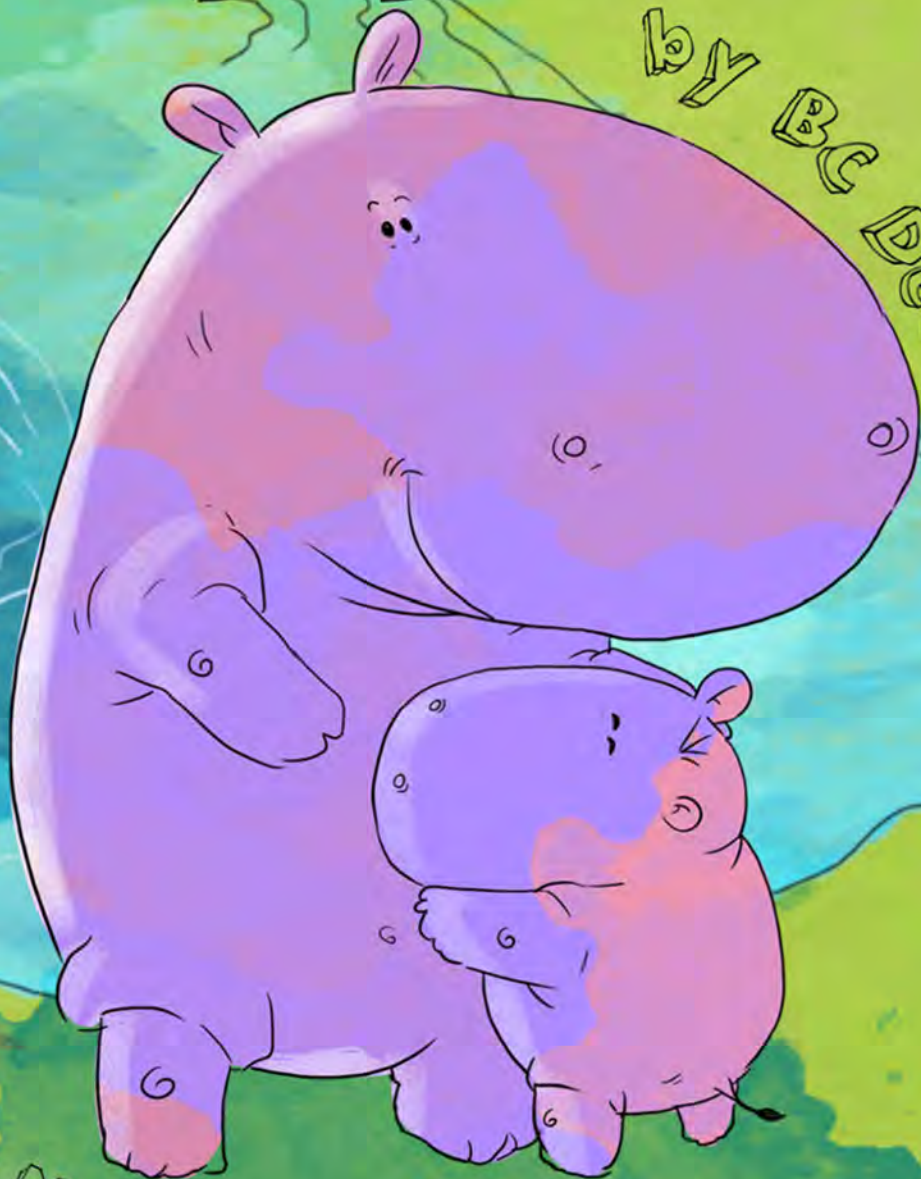
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The Hiccupopotamus

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All is quiet,
Early morning,
Sleeping hippos
Yet to wake.
Baby hiccups
Without warning,
Bubbles rising
In the lake.



Hiccups spasm—
Belly tightens—
Sends her swimming
To the land.
Africa around her
Brightens.
She strolls to find
A helping hand.



Mocking Monkeys,
Joking, poking,
Frolic-dancing
Hoot advice
Baby hippo,
Hiccups croaking,
Thinks silly monkeys
Are not nice.



A zebra passes
At a canter,
Helpful horse
Of black and white.
Hiccup cures
And friendly banter:
“A hindwise kick
Will set you right.”



With trombone trunk
She trumpets loudly,
Startled hippo
Hics and yelps.
Elefountain
Splashes proudly,
But not the scare
Nor water helps.



The Animals in This Book

1. Hippopotamus
2. Vervet Monkey
3. Plains Zebra
4. African Elephant
5. Cheetah
6. Warthog
7. Lion
8. Giraffe
9. Aardvark
10. Crested Porcupine

All of the animals in this book live in Africa. Many of these animals are endangered—some because their habitat is being destroyed, and others because they are illegally hunted for sport or meat.

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Hippopotamuses

Hippos are the third largest land mammal in the world. Only the elephant and the rhinoceros are bigger.



Their name means “river horse” in ancient Greek.

They spend most of their time in water. They can even sleep underwater. They automatically surface and breathe every five minutes or so.

Hippos mainly eat grass, and lots of it. Grazing is the main reason they leave the comfy, cooling water. After dinner, they go underwater and open their mouths so that fish will clean their teeth.

They are not very social, but mother and daughter hippos do form strong bonds.

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The girl
who drank the
moon



Illustrated by Marianne Therrien

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When Callie and her teddy bear invited the moon in for a tea party, they had no idea how much fun they would have...and what a catastrophe they would cause. What on Earth can you do after you've drunk the moon all up?

This tale of friendship and generosity is a fun read-aloud, and the cheery and playful illustrations draw you in with a secret star hidden on every page.

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