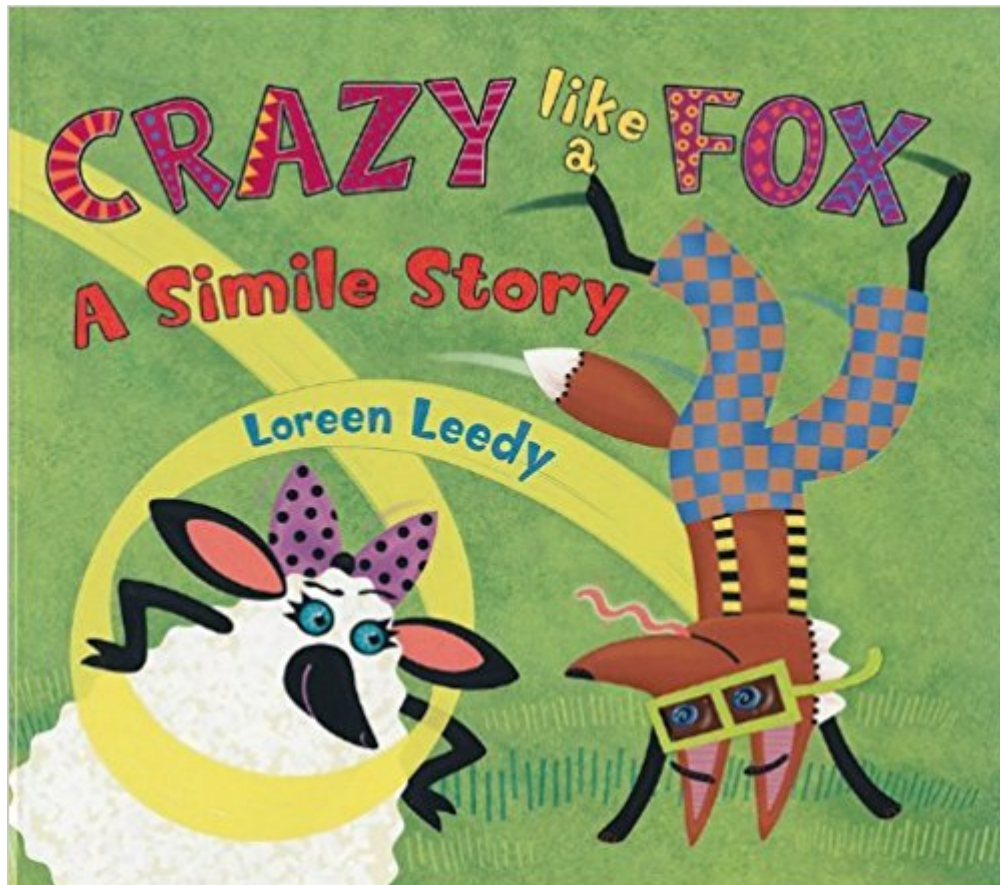




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Crazy Like A Fox: A Simile Story



Synopsis

Similes set off an exciting chase scene in an adventure in language arts. Rufus the fox is up to something. He runs across the meadow as fast as lightning, sneaks up to Babette like a thief in the night, and roars like a lion. Babette, mad as a hornet, chases Rufus all over town. But is Rufus being chased or is he actually leading Babette to a surprise destination? Rufus sure is crazy--crazy like a fox! Sure to make the reader as happy as a clam, this bright simile story also includes a clear explanation of similes and shows how to include similes in a story.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 "Rufus, a spunky fox in suspenders, rudely startles his friend Babette, a lamb, by roaring "like a lion." She gets "mad as a hornet" and chases him, and he eventually leads her to her surprise birthday party. Leedy relates this narrative entirely through similes. Her illustrations emphasize the comparisons as each protagonist is amusingly transformed from one object into another. Children may participate by guessing the upcoming change at each page turn. Apart from the main narrative, animal spectators offer up alternative descriptions of events as they unfold. Leedy includes an explanation of this figure of speech and an invitation for readers to create their own similes. Her vivid illustrations, filled with movement and wide-eyed creatures, will entertain readers. A pleasing addition to any collection." Jayne Damron, Farmington Community Library, MI
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Her illustrations emphasize the comparisons as each protagonist is amusingly transformed from one object into another...A pleasing addition to any collection. --School Library Journal
Not everyone can take the most well-known and cliched similes in the English language and turn them into a story that will hold the interest of young readers, but Leedy has done just that. --Kirkus Reviews
The similes dance all over the pages of this colorfully illustrated book... An explanation of similes is given as the book opens and there are suggestions for kids to create new similes. --Children's Literature*
"The brilliantly colored digital illustrations cleverly depict the similes....As welcome as springtime to teachers, aspiring writers and any who appreciate wordplay."

I am an elementary school teacher and have been teaching similes for years, but never so successfully as I have since buying this book. The kids really love it! The cartoonish pictures are humorous and give kids a visual to remember each simile. Reading this book helps build vocabulary and descriptive language. I had to explain some of the similes but the kids loved it so much they begged to read it on their own during silent reading. Toward the end of the year, some students even started using similes when writing their creative stories. This is one of the best educational books ever and I wish I would have found it years ago.

Great way to teach figurative language. The illustrations of expressions are really great! I wish there were less per page so it can be used with children who actually have figurative language interpretation issues with pragmatic language disorders.

This book lends itself to enhancing students' knowledge and skills in using figurative language. The colorful pictures attract my second language learners, who are also from low socio-economic communities, with limited background knowledge. My students love the book, and often ask me if they could borrow it. The first couple of weeks I took the book to my class, I encouraged them to read in pairs so one of them could guess the phrase on the next page. When I read the book to my five year old son, he just couldn't have enough. For a couple of days he read it aloud several times, carrying it all around the house. My son and students feel validated whenever they guess the right word or phrases that complete the simile. I am actually thinking of buying more copies to distribute to kids.

Great simile book for pre k and elementary kids. I'm a pre k teacher and my kids loved the book

Cute story! Helped to solidify the concept of a simile to my first grader.

My four year old daughter loves this book. As another reviewer said, the text can be hard to read because 1 simile starts, then the page is filled with other similes in small text, and then the first simile finishes on the next page. I've found reading it is more enjoyable for me if I read the similes in small text first, then read the simile in the large text all at once. The pictures are really wonderful and show the animal changing with each simile. For example "as noisy as a herd of elephants" is paired with a lot of animals drawn with elephant trunks. The book has also inspired my daughter to invent her own similes, so it's very educational.

It really helped my students understand the difference between a metaphor and a simile (I also used You're Toast). While I didn't find it as effective as "You're Toast, it conveyed the idea. Add Love That Dog + Hate That Cat (Sharon Creech) and you'll have your kiddos finding literary devices in their own independent reading.

I got this book because I am teacher. It has almost all the sayings, idioms and so forth that come from animals. Good children's book with use of pictures and sayings. I would recommend this book to anyone trying to teach children idioms!

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