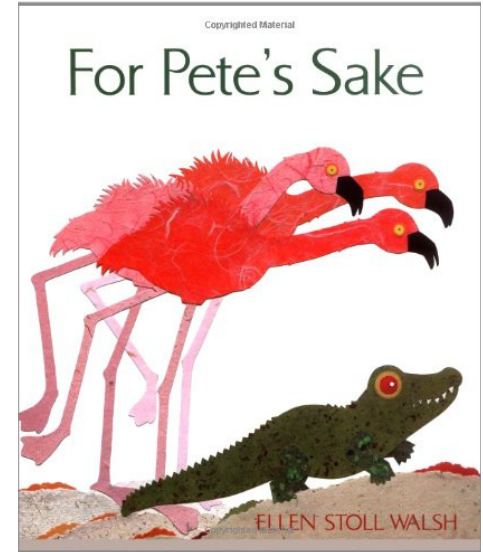




# FOR PETE'S SAKE

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Pete is different from all the other flamingos. He's not pink, he's green. He doesn't have two legs, he has four. He doesn't understand why he's so different. Does being different make someone better or worse? Can you be friends or even family with someone even if you are different from them?



## Questions:

1. How do you think Pete feels, being so obviously different from everyone else he knows? Have you ever felt that way for being different? Is it a good feeling?
2. Is it normal to wish you were the same as everyone else? Would the world be better if everyone was the same, or is it more beautiful because of the differences?
3. Are Pete's flamingo friends kind or mean? How are they kind?
4. When you feel different and bad about yourself, how would it feel to be accepted by your friends? How do Pete's friends make him feel?
5. What does the word "exclude" mean? What does "include" mean? How does it feel to be excluded? How does it feel to be included? Do Pete's friends include him or exclude him?
6. Does including someone in the fun help keep them from feeling weird or from noticing how different they are?
7. How do you think Pete felt when he found others who looked just like him? How would you feel if you felt different your whole life and then met a group of people who were just like you?
8. Why do you think Pete goes back to his old flamingo friends? Can you still be friends with people even though you are different?
9. What does it mean to be different but the same? Are you different but the same? Is everyone?
10. What's more important, the ways that we are different or the ways we are the same? Can we be friends with people who are different from us? Can we be family with people who are different from us? Should we love and accept them even if they are the ones who are different?