

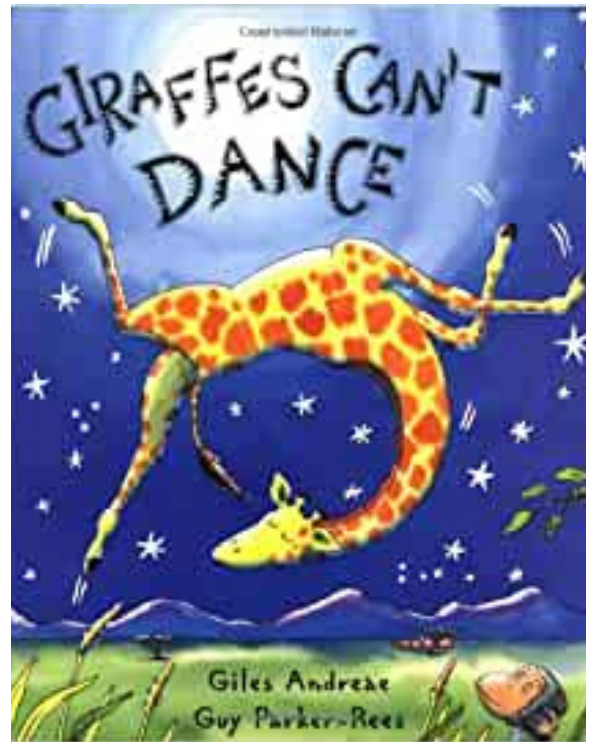


# GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE

GILES ANDREA AND GUY PARKER-REES

## SUMMARY

Gerald is a little bit awkward and has a hard time moving well. When there's a jungle dance and all the animals show up, everyone else is so good at moving to the music. Gerald was never a very good dancer, and when the others laugh at him, he runs away to be alone. Can Gerald find the music that will help him be a good dancer?



## Questions:

1. Is there anyone in the world who's good at everything? Or is everyone good at some things and not as good at others?
2. How do you think Gerald feels when all the other animals are at the dance having fun and he can't dance?
3. Do you like to dance? Does everyone like to dance? Is everyone good at it? If you're dancing and you see someone who isn't very good at dancing, should you laugh at them? How would it feel if someone laughed at you?
4. Can you ever say something about a whole group of people and have it be true? Are all people different and like different things? Is it true that all giraffes can't dance?
5. Have you ever listened to people saying mean stuff and thought those mean things were true? How do you think giraffe felt? What should the other animals have done?
6. Was the cricket a good friend to giraffe? Do you need a dozen friends or just one good one?
7. How do you think he felt when he was finally dancing? Is it scary to dance in front of just one person? Is it scary to dance in front of a lot of people? Can you help friends feel less afraid sometimes?
8. When the other animals see how good of a dancer Gerald is, how do you think they felt when they remembered the mean things they had said? How do you think Gerald felt now that they thought he was a good dancer?
9. What's more important to being good at something- hard work and loving something, or what other people think about whether you'll be good at it?