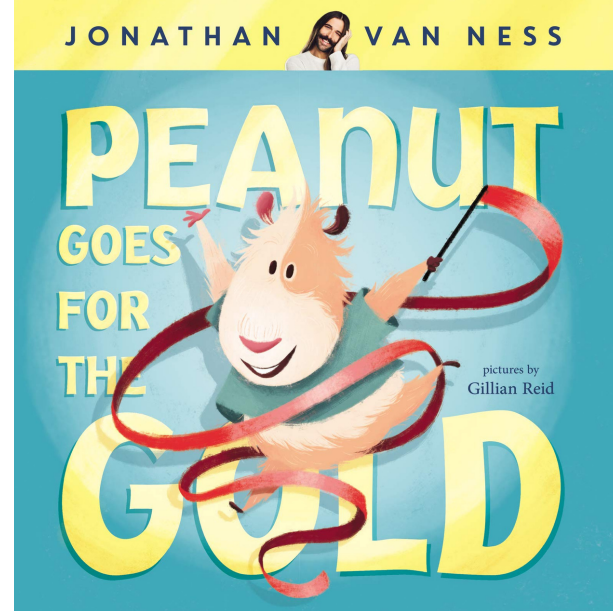




# PEANUT GOES FOR THE GOLD

JONATHAN VAN NESS

Peanut is a little different than the others. They go about things their own way. Sometimes people make fun or get mad, but more often people join in on the fun with them! When Peanut decides they will become a rhythmic gymnast, will everyone band together to help them out? Can they do it?



## Questions:

1. Does everyone do things the same way?  
Does everyone like the same things?  
Does being a little bit different make anyone less special or less important?
2. When someone is doing something silly and having a great time, is it more fun to make fun of them or more fun to join in?
3. How do you think Peanut feels when others call them weird? How do you think they feel when others join in on the fun they're having?
4. How does it feel to have a new dream? How would Peanut have felt if their parents told them "no" or thought they couldn't do it? How do you think they felt when their parents and sibling jumped in and helped them achieve their dreams?
5. How do you think dad felt being included in making the costume? How do you think mom felt that Peanut wanted her help with their dancing? How do you think Sammy felt helping choose the music? Do they want to help Peanut succeed? How do you think Peanut feels knowing that their family has their back?
6. When you really, really want something, how can you make it happen? Does practice help you get better at something? Is practicing always fun? Why is it important? Would Peanut have done well at the performance if they didn't practice?
7. How do you think Peanut felt when they realized that they forgot to tie their shoes? Did they give up or did they turn the mistake into something to learn from and turn into a win?
8. Is it more important to be just like everyone else or to be yourself?