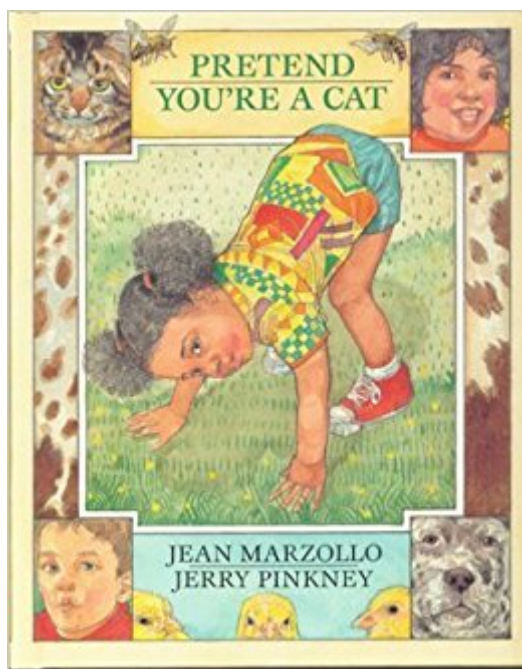


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# Pretend You're A Cat



## Synopsis

In these rollicking verses note author Jean Marzollo urges young readers to stretch their minds as well as their bodies, thinking and acting like a fish or bird or chick or cow--or a leaping, hissing, purring kitty. 31 full-color illustrations.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

An invitation to action-filled role playing, this clever concept book consists of a series of 13 small poems that ask youngsters to pretend they are animals. "Are you pink / As a bud? / Can you lie / In the mud? / Can you root? / Can you dig? / Can you snort / Like a pig? / What else can you do like a pig?" Each double-page spread features an animal or child imitating the actions of the other.

Pinkney ( *The Talking Eggs* ; *The Patchwork Quilt* ) pictures a boy in mime makeup with black spots who looks as bemused as the spotted cows beside him. Three children purse their lips and wiggle finny fingers like golden aquarium fish. A laughing girl stands on a flowered path in translucent wings and striped stockings, pretending to be a bee. The rhymed verses are vivid and straightforward, and Pinkney's inventive watercolor and pencil drawings are as engaging as the characters and animals he portrays. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-K-- Thirteen rhyming verses ask children if they can match the unique characteristics of various animals. The last question, "What else can you do like a (snake)?" further extends the

imaginative play. Pinkney's preschoolers are clearly having great fun. His watercolors and colored pencils create the soft, imitative motions of children who display with ease how similar they are to the animals. Through body poses, facial expressions, and gaily colored clothing, the children playfully mimic the animal kingdom. Both animals and children are recognizably distinct, yet they warmly blend together. With minimal coaching, these delightful, simple rhymes will be easily learned, recited, and acted out. --Ellen Dibner, East School, Long Beach, NY Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

My daughters loved this book when they were little, so I found it again and bought it for a friend with toddlers.

Have loved this book for a long time. Glad to now own it. Pristine copy! Thanks!

This book was purchased for my wife's 4 year old preschool class. They are always very inquisitive and love books that teach a lesson.

You can read the entire book at one sitting, or just one or two poems to get those toddler and preschooler creative juices flowing. This is a lovely book that is a lot of fun for small fry. The poems are very short and are good rhyming practice. Just pause and pretty soon your child will be filling in the blanks. The book also gets children thinking. What else does a cat, cow, horse... do? Can I do it too? Animals featured are: cat, dog, fish, bee, chick, bird, squirrel, pig, cow, horse, seal, snake, and bear. Four Stars. [B+]. The artwork by Jerry Pinkney is delicious and ties in wonderfully with the poems. Good read-aloud.

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This is a really fun book to read to your baby or toddler. Each page has a fun rhyme about

something a certain animal such as a cat, dog, seal, chick does that you might be able to immitate. The illustrations are very nice. It's just a cheerful fun rhyming book--one that your baby will get excited to have you read to him/ her. I recommend this book. Here's an example:"...Can you root, can you dig, can you snort like a pig?..."

My daughter and I both love this one. The rhymes suggest simple ways to pretend to be an animal and always leave room for the imagination with "what else can you do like a cat?" questions. The illustrations are charming in their portrayal of children engaged in pretend play. They are also multicultural in a natural, low-key way. I think this would be great to read to a group of children in a pre-school classroom.

Great for young children! They get to actively participate as well as listen to the story. Wonderful illustrations

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