

A Talk-Along Story

NAME PATTY'S PETS

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Children participate by guessing rhyming answers

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Patty's pets by supplying the missing word
which rhymes with the preceding line.

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*To my wife YVONNE
the best "talk-along" partner a man ever had!*

*I want you to know before we start,
Our story has a speaking part.
When you see the dots . . .
 try guessing the word.
That is the time for YOU to be heard.*



Once there was a tiny purr,
Coming from a ball of fur.
Little Patty heard the sound
And thought, "I wonder what I've found?"

She picked it up and took it home
And washed it off in soapy foam.

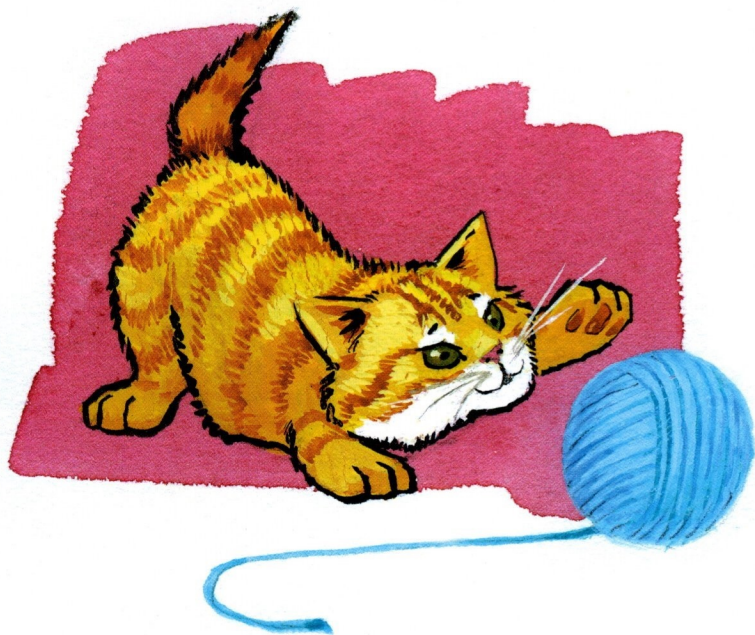


"He's cute," she said, "but I'm no whiz.
Won't someone tell me what he is?"



Here's your chance to help little Pat;
So speak right up. Her pet's a . . .

cat



But then he changed.
His claws grew big.
And all at once
He began to dig.



He dug and dug
A deep, deep hole.
Tell little Pat her pet's a . . .

mole



But then he started climbing trees,



And stealing honey from the bees.
Whoever heard of moles up there?
Patty should know her pet's a . . .



bear



A bear! Of course! At last we know!



But then his ears began to grow.
They grew and grew, and then they stopped,



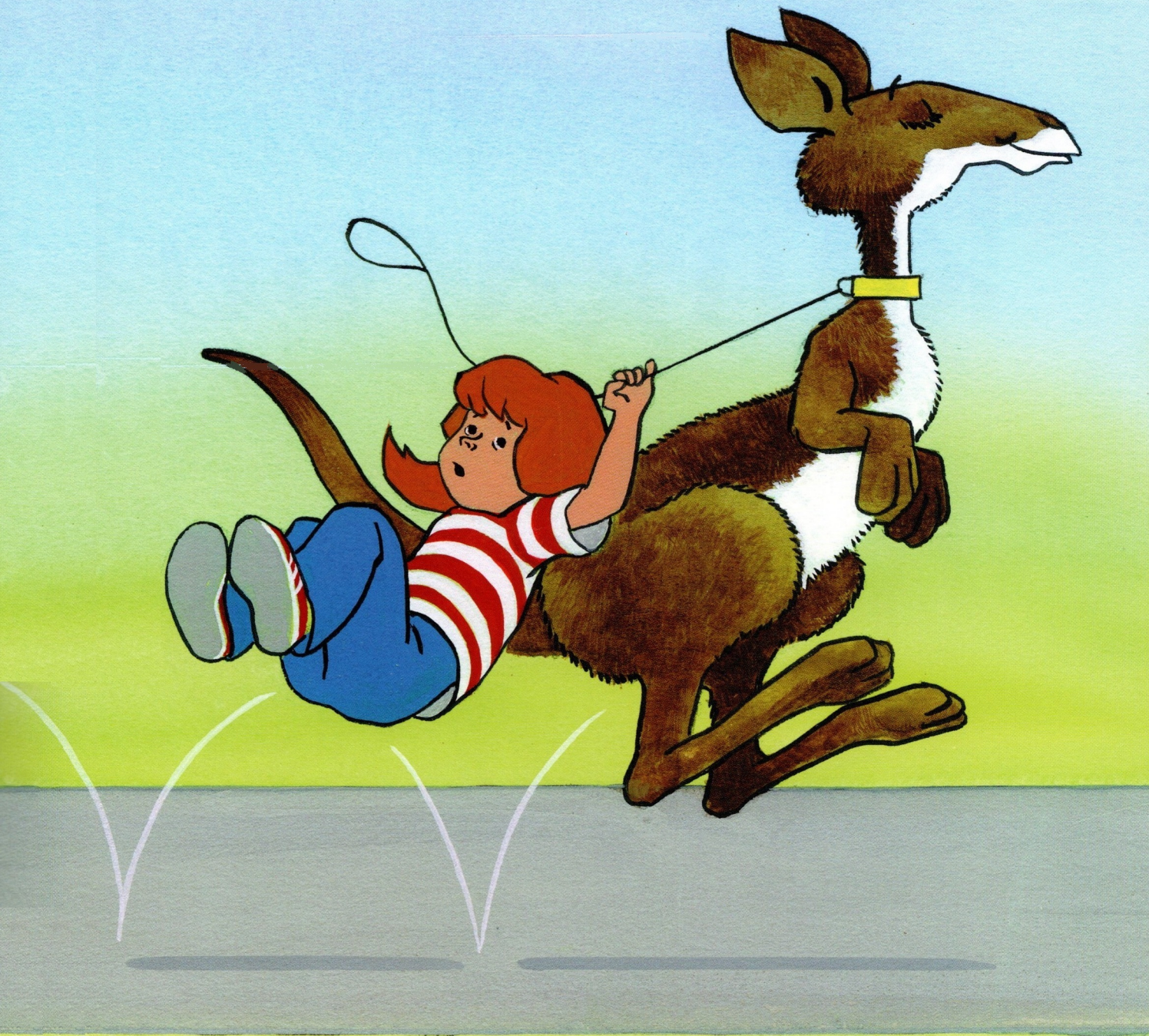
And then her bear sat up and hopped.



What a funny hopping habit!
Tell little Pat her pet's a . . .

rabbit





Wait a minute! Something's wrong!
How could a rabbit be so strong?
He jumped so high he almost flew.
Speak right up. He's a . . .

kangaroo

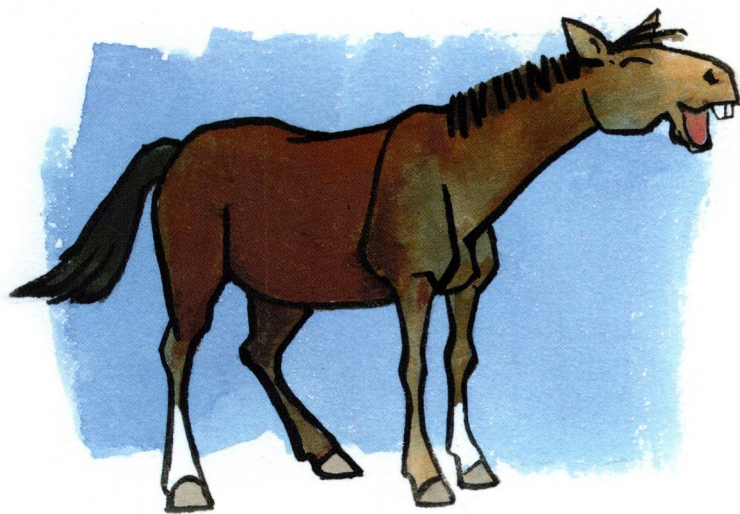


But then he kept on growing more,
And feeding him became a chore.
He had to eat from bigger bowls,
And all his legs grew tall as poles.



Know what he is? Why, yes! Of course!
Just tell our Pat her pet's a . . .

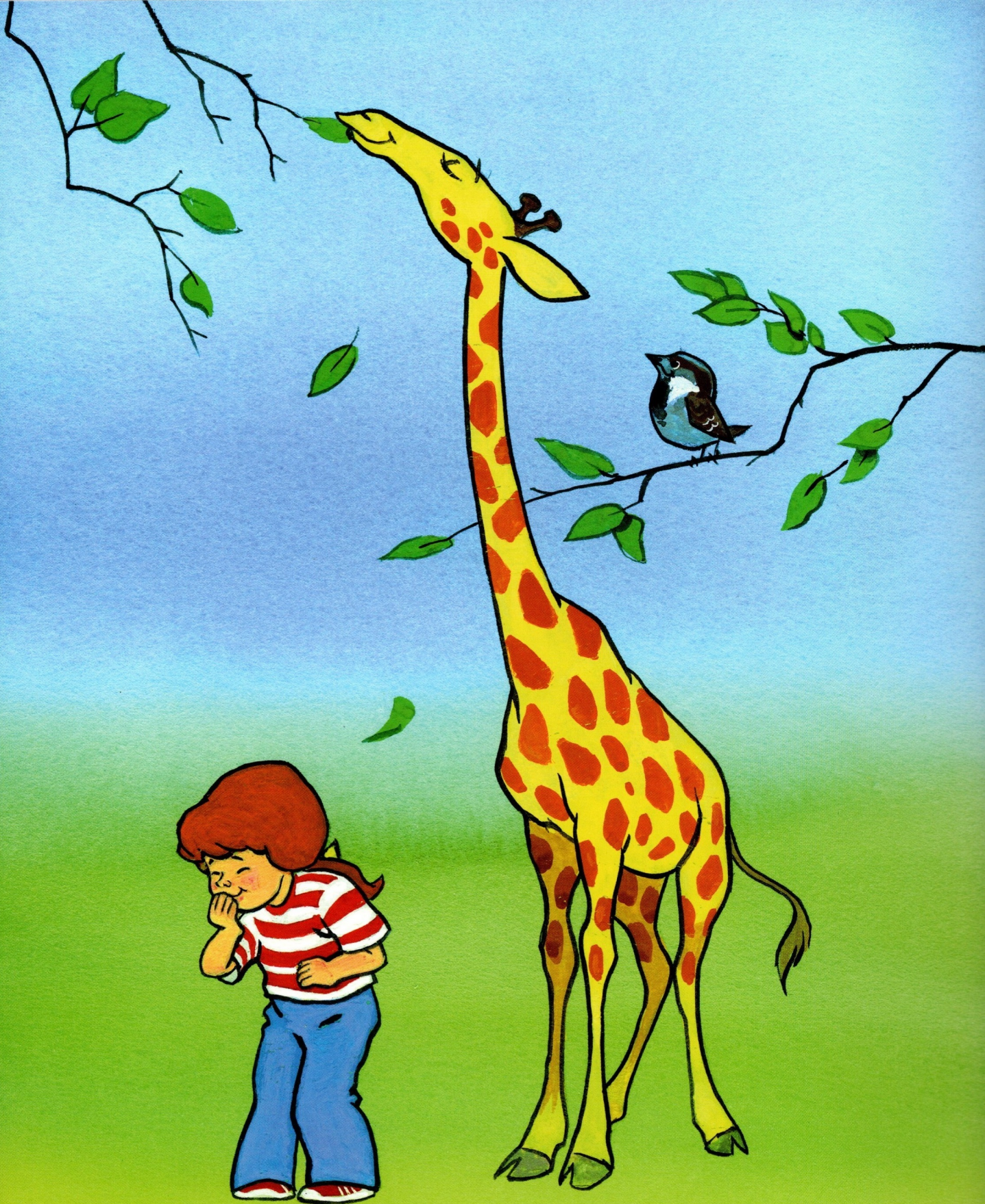
horse



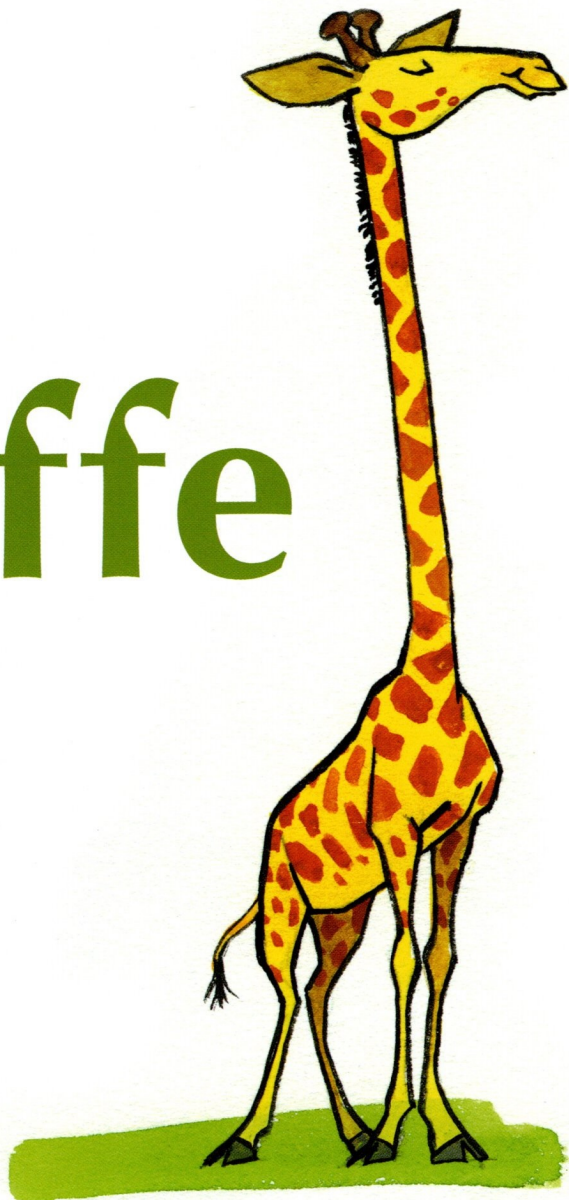


But when Pat offered him some hay,
He simply sniffed and turned away.
Then calmly lifting up his head,
He started nibbling leaves instead!

He tried to reach the leaves on top,
And stretched so far, she thought he'd pop!
He looked so odd, Patty hid a laugh.
It's time to tell her he's a . . .



giraffe





"Oh no!" Patty said, "My pet is too tall.
I need a ladder to pay him a call."



The giraffe forgot that Pat was small,
And licked so hard she started to fall.



Then suddenly, she awoke in bed.
"I must have been dreaming!" Patty said.
Yes, all this time she had slept like a log,
And all this time, her pet was a . . .

dog

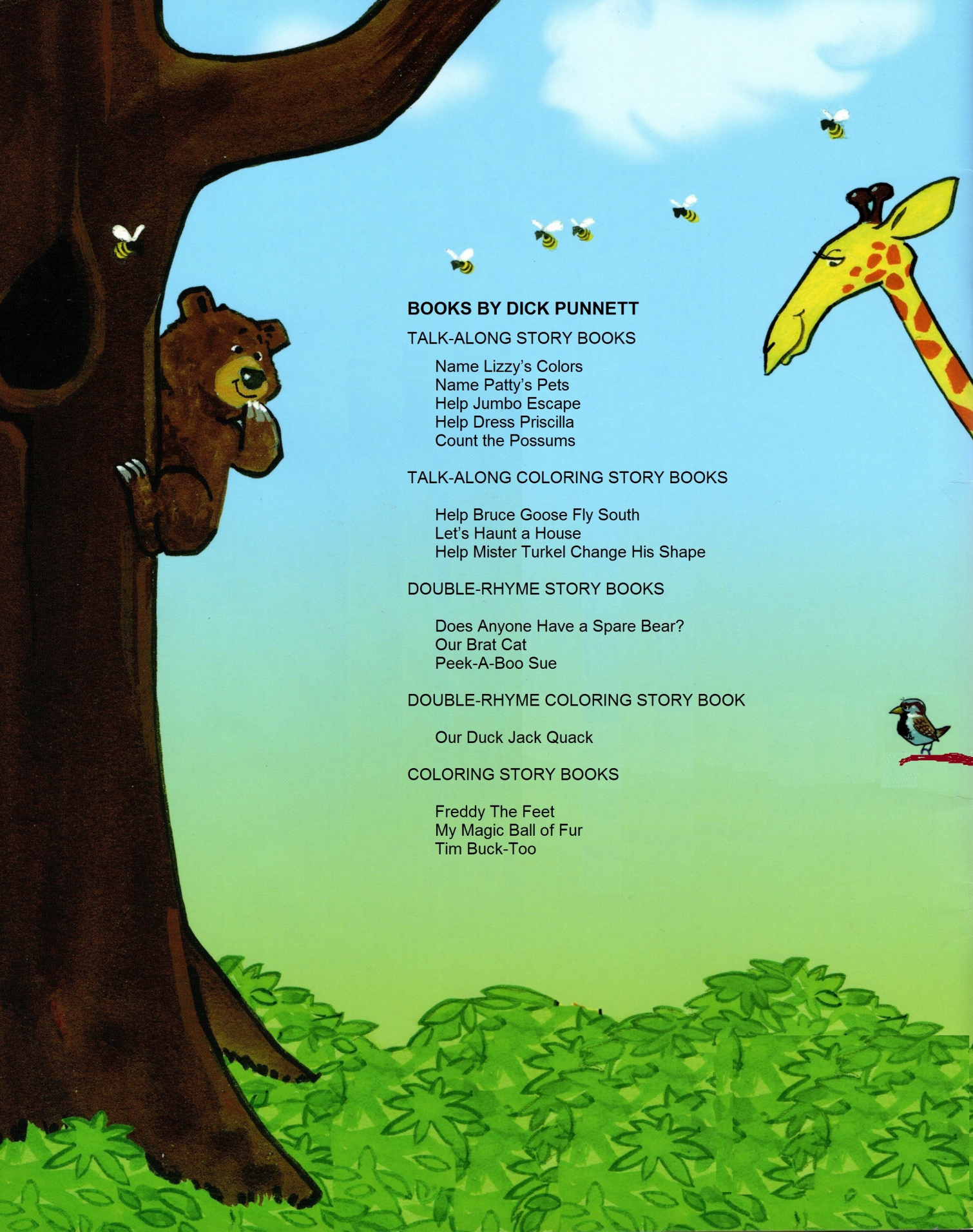


About the Author:

Author/illustrator Dick Punnett grew up in Penfield, New York, and graduated from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. For over 35 years he has delighted children of preschool to 7 years of age with books that have made learning fun. His series, TALK-ALONG, was published in 1982 and was the first interactive books introduced into the schools. They were best sellers because they taught basic concepts in a very original and clever way, and all in rhyme. He wrote another series called DOUBLE-RHYME, and over the years he has added to both series and also written single story books. Of the 15 books he has authored, seven of them are also illustrated by him. Because he spent a number of years as a writer-cartoonist for a Hollywood animation studio, his illustrations have a special appeal for children. They are perky, funny and expressive.

About the Artist:

Tom Dunnington hails from the Midwest, having lived in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. He attended the John Herron Institute of Art in Indianapolis, the American Academy of Art and the Chicago Art Institute. He has been an art instructor and illustrator for many years. In addition to illustrating books, Mr. Dunnington worked on a series of paintings of endangered birds (produced as limited edition prints). His current residence is Oak Park, Illinois, where he is active in church and community youth work.



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