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**From the creator of *A Book of Sleep* and *A Book of Babies* comes a beautiful new book of animals—and opposites!**

The sky is dark and the Opposite Zoo is CLOSED. But the monkey's cage is OPEN! Time to explore. . .

Follow the monkey as he visits all the animals in the zoo: fast and slow, big and small, noisy and quiet, soft and prickly! Filled with energetic illustrations, friendly animals, and a clear, simple text—all wrapped up in a gorgeous package—*The Opposite Zoo* is a fun and lively introduction to animals and opposites for the youngest picture-book audience.

## The Opposite Zoo Details

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# **From Reader Review The Opposite Zoo for online ebook**

## **Melissa Brosius says**

*The Opposite Zoo* is an early concept picture book about a curious monkey who escapes his cage one night after the zoo closes. He goes to see the other animals in the zoo, which are described in pairs of opposite textures, colors, and sizes. The beautiful ink and watercolor illustrations and the simple text of this picture book make it easy for young readers to learn the concept of opposites.

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## **Donna Mork says**

Cute book of opposites. Some animals sleeping, some awake, some are black, some are white, some are hairy, some are not.

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## **Erik This Kid Reviews Books says**

This is a nice, simple book about a monkey going around the zoo and seeing all of the opposites there. There are minimum words (one spread only says "Tall short"), and make it an easy book for kids to try to read. Families could have a nice time reading this book together, and it really helps if you read the opposites in funny voices out-loud

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## **Michael says**

A simple book of opposites for the youngest (eventual) readers.

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## **April says**

Il Sung Na's illustrations really make this simple, lovely picture book come to life. I have to say, it does bear quite a resemblance to Petr Horacek's "Animal Opposites", but Il's newest picture book encourages a more cohesive narrative throughout. By setting the animals in the context of an "opposite zoo", readers will find themselves in a lively story told through Il's beautifully detailed pictures and simple text.

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## **Reading Rainbow Community says**

A sweet book for young animal-lovers illustrating opposites through zoo animals. Il Sung Na's images are colorful and appealing.

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## **Joshua Mooney says**

This board book is about a monkey's adventure at the opposite zoo. As the monkey swing by different exhibits in the zoo, he notices different things that make his animal friends unique. The monkey notices that the other animals are different sizes, colors, and textures. As well as different social as in noisy or quite. In the end, the sun comes up and the monkey is put back in his cage and the opposite zoo is open for the day.

This book examines the idea that not everything is the same. Which is something children of 0-4 are just learning. There are very few words on each page and the words used are typical sight words. Making this book an easy beginning reading book for toddlers. This book also does not give an air that different is bad in any way it just comments on a difference. The watercolor style of art uses pops of colors that are engaging and allow the reader to feel like they are in the monkey's world. Allowing for a taste of escapism.

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## **Jo Oehrlein says**

At night, the monkey leaves his cage to visit all the different animals in the Opposite Zoo.

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## **Alli Burke says**

In this early concept picture book, Na does a remarkable job adding color and descriptions on every page. It includes a hidden monkey on every page, making it a game for readers to spot at every page turn. The broad strokes and vibrant illustrations do not take away from the opposing animals throughout the book. Looking at a zoo at nighttime has never been more bright and inviting.

Format: Picture book

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## **Bree Riley says**

This one has the cutest illustrations of the 3 Il Sung Na books I've read so far. Scribbly and bright and endearing. His stories seem to be pretty simple but they always explore a theme (animal habitats, opposites) so they're perfect for kids who are learning vocabulary and kids who are starting to learn conversation (I don't know what age that is. Micah's not there yet ha ha)

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## **Annie Lee says**

Really dynamic illustrations with a monkey that you follow through each page.

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## **Laura Harrison says**

I wish I could give The Opposite Zoo 10 stars. There is a mystical, child-like quality to this picture book that

is incredibly difficult to achieve. If anyone remembers spin art from fairs and amusement parks during the 70's-it has that bright, helter skelter, original quality but in a professional manner. Each page is a glorious wonder. Bravo!

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### **Bethe says**

capricious monkey exits his cage and explores the zoo looking for opposites in his fellow animals. Nice illustrations but strictly a concept type book.

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### **Rita Salfetnikova says**

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Genre: Picture book

This is a story about the zoo and how every animal at the zoo has an opposite. I would read this story to kids to teach them about what opposites are. This is a book for young children pre-k.

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### **Diana says**

Such a clever, fun way to demonstrate the concept of opposites and beautifully illustrated. Vibrant colors and lush textures.

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