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By author of the much-loved The Journey Home and Dinosaur Farm.

Everyone knows that once a lemur takes a fancy to you there is not much that can be done about it.

While being followed by lemurs, a boy tries hiding up a tree (without luck), disguising himself (without success) and even tries to sail off in a boat to get away from them - only to discover the lemurs snorkeling behind him. Eventually, after climbing mountains, taking trains and going through the air in a balloon, he finally thinks that he has lost them.

Or has he?

In the process he has managed to get himself lost, and it is only then that he realizes that the cunning lemurs might just be helpful after all...

## **How to Lose a Lemur Details**

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## **From Reader Review How to Lose a Lemur for online ebook**

**Joella [www.cinjoella.com](http://www.cinjoella.com) says**

One day a lemur sees a boy holding an ice cream cone. The lemur decides that he likes the boy and starts to follow him. The boy does all manner of things to lose the lemur...but instead there are more lemurs that like the boy and follow him around. Finally the boy tries something drastic—going a long, long way away. But the lemurs are not to be outdone. They like the boy and there is nothing to boy can do about it. Eventually the boy realizes that the lemurs might not be all that bad and that he actually needs help from the lemurs. There are a few things that I really like about this book. First of all I love the illustrations. I like how the colors of the boy or the lemurs or the trees or water all have different textures in them. It isn't just a color there is depth to the way the illustrations are put together. And the small lines that outline the boy's face or legs or arms are not distracting from these textures. I also really like the book because it is about lemurs. And well, most little readers don't have any idea what a lemur is. But after reading this book they will be able to discern what the animal is and will understand the different types of lemurs (as far as how they look) are. Plus it is a fun message that you can grow to like something and that even if someone doesn't like lemurs they are kind enough to always like you back (if you happen to be one that a lemur takes a liking to). Such a fun book!

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**Angela Oliver says**

I'm a lemur fanatic so I have to confess that I could not understand the motivations of the boy in this story. Why ever would one wish to lose a lemur? At least he realised in the end that lemurs are definitely worth it. The fact that they had five different species was nice too as many folks seem to equate lemur=ringtailed and it was a delightfully whimsical read.

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**Laurie says**

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Preschool-Grade 1. A little boy is walking down the park path when he notices an eager lemur following him. He doesn't want to be friends, but "everyone knows that once a lemur takes a liking to you, there is not much that can be done about it." The large-headed little boy tries to avoid the animal anyway, taking a train, rowing a boat, soaring in a hot-air balloon, and hiking over a snowy mountain to escape the creature, now accompanied by more lemur friends. Eventually, the little boy has traveled so far from home that he is terribly lost. Luckily, the lemurs know the way back, and the little boy gives in and accepts their offer of friendship. The odd pursuit-by-lemurs premise would be menacing if it weren't for Preston-Gannon's soft and smudgy collagelike illustrations. Lemur fans, who would probably relish being the leader of a lemur parade, will be delighted by the wide-eyed lemurs of all shapes and sizes who, when all is said and done, really just want to be friends.

Kirkus Reviews March 1, 2014

Wild adventure follows when some lemurs take a shine to a slightly wary boy. The boy is holding an ice cream cone, and the lemur clutches a red flower. Their eyes lock; the lemur's smile says it all: "[O]nce a lemur takes a liking to you, there is not much that can be done about it." The boy tries to slip away, even climbing up a tree, but he can't shake the lemur, who manages to attract a few more. The boy hops on his bike, but he can't elude the quartet of lemurs following on a bike of their own. In no time, the boy's being hugged by several new pals who want to play. Still uncomfortable, he hops on a train, takes to the sky in a hot air balloon, jumps in a boat to cross the lake, climbs the highest mountain, and travels through the desert in the scorching heat, on a camel. And on every leg of this odyssey, the lemurs aren't far behind...though they are hiding. When the boy decides that he has eluded the lemurs, he realizes that he's far from home and doesn't know how to get back. That's where his determined new friends come in. Preston-Gannon's lemurs are quite adorable. Each two-page spread is beautifully evocative, with basic shapes and shrewd use of white space. Simple but silly and satisfying. (Picture book. 4-6)

School Library Journal March 1, 2014

PreS-Gr 1-What do you do if a lemur takes a liking to you? Well, if you are the little boy in this book, you do whatever it takes to try and lose it-whether that means climbing a tree, riding a bike, taking a train, or crossing a desert. The lemurs in this tale are persistent, though, and it's a good thing, because when the young narrator finds himself lost and far from home, the friendly lemurs are there to help the boy find his way home again. The story builds upon itself in a way that brings to mind Laura Numeroff's *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (HarperCollins, 1985), and young readers/listeners will want to know what happens next. Preston-Gannon's illustrations appear collage-like and fill the pages with brightness. The lemurs are definitely the stars here, looking cute enough to cuddle, and the illustration of them snorkeling is sure to elicit giggles from kids. This title would be a fun addition to a storytime on transportation or unusual animals. Recommended for general purchase.-Heather Webb, Worthington Libraries, OH (c) Copyright 2014. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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### **Amy Forrester says**

"Everyone knows that once a lemur takes a liking to you, there is not much that can be done about it." And indeed, the young boy in this story has a lemur problem. It starts with one lemur and multiplies. The boy does everything he can think of to get away from the furry creatures. He travels by train and hot air balloon. He crosses lakes and deserts. In fact, he travels so far and so fast that he gets lost! Good thing there are some lemurs to show him the way home! Featuring a playful cast of diverse lemurs (hair color, markings, size), the mixed media illustrations have a left-to-right flow that builds anticipation for each page turn. Written from the boy's perspective, the narrative is short and action packed. Turn the travel portion of this book into a flannel board so that kids can help you reverse the boy's trip. This whimsical book will amuse toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents at storytime.

Full Review at Picture-Book-a-Day: <http://picturebookaday.blogspot.com/2...>

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## **Misbah says**

A little boy tries to lose the lemur that won't stop following him around, but soon learns that he likes having him around.

Reminds me of how annoying I used to find my little brother haha

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## **Emmaline MacBeath says**

A young boy has suddenly attracted the interest of a lemur. And, "Everyone knows that once a lemur takes a liking to you, there is not much that can be done about it." The boy tries to get away from the lemur by hiding, but more lemurs come along to join the chase. The boy tries everything including taking a train and jumping in a boat. He travels far away. But suddenly, he realizes he is lost. Luckily, he has attracted some lemurs who show him the way home. The boy realizes, they may not be so bad after all.

The illustrations appear to be created with pencil and pastel. They are highly textured, colorful, and simple for the younger readers.

Although the plot is pretty simple in this book, it is a cute story. The lemurs are adorable. I like how they backtracked the way they came which helps the younger readers to follow the story. This story is a good chance for children to learn more about a new animal too. It is recommended for ages 3-5, but I think first graders will enjoy it as well. Because of the simple wording, it will also work well as an early read alone book.

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## **paula says**

Oh! What a great book for a storytime! Trying to ditch those pesky lemurs, our main character boards a train, rows a boat, travels by hot air balloon, and more. "Let's all pedal our bicycles!" "Uh oh, we're climbing a mountain and it's cold! Can you act cold?" It's definitely in the 'bear hunt' vein, but with the added appeal of lemurs!

Pictures are big and clear, easy to read from a short distance, and the art has terrific texture and expression.

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## **Homegrown Reader says**

Sometimes our world just seems very full of somethings. For awhile it was owls. Right now it's lemurs. It's a bit strange to hear a toddler running around talking about lemurs but I'm just resigned to letting our home become a monument of knowledge to our current obsession. I know way more about owls than I ever thought I would and I have a feeling in a few months I'll know way more about lemurs than I ever thought I would. Frann Preston-Gannon's, How to Lose a Lemur isn't informative but it is ridiculously cute and has definitely fed our lemur obsession.

The story follows a young boy who has attracted the attention of a lemur. He tries everything to be rid of it.

He runs away, jumps on a train, rows away, takes a hot air balloon, etc. But everywhere he goes those wily lemurs (he's attracted more than one by this point) are right behind him. It's only when he realizes that he's fled so far to avoid these lemurs that he's become lost himself that he begins to wish that he had them back. Luckily, they're always there and help lead him home. Preston-Gannon ends it with the same line she began it with but it clearly has a different meaning by this point. I may be delving a bit deep into this book's message and really it's all about adorable primate stalkers, but I think that there's also message about our everyday lives. We all have small annoyances, things that drive us a little batty, pet peeves, if you will. These can take the form of people too, but often I look back at those who slightly annoyed me with a smile. Sure they were time-consuming and made my other customers wait for extra time (I'm thinking back to my waitress and bank days) but they were also kind, thoughtful, and sweet. I always smiled when I saw the man who bought two boxes of pennies every week or the lady who couldn't remember her grandson's name but loved to tell stories about him, while I was standing there waiting for her drink order. Our lives can become so busy that we fail to recognize the value that we give by acknowledging these "lemurs" and making them small parts of our lives. Sure they're a bit extreme in the book but if the boy had stopped and said good morning instead of ignoring it maybe the cat and mouse chase could have ended there. If that's the case, then I'm glad Preston-Gannon didn't turn the plot that way because we'd lose the amazing illustrations she provides throughout the stunning chase scenes.

The bright colors used through the pages really capture the reader's attention and illustration style does an amazing job of bringing just the right amount of attention to the components on the page. Each element seems carefully chosen and comes together for an amazing affect. The bright train, being driven by lemurs and racing across two pages is my favorite, while Bug favors the row boat page with the lemurs snorkeling just out of reach. I could go on about my second and third and forth favorite but really it's the collection of illustrations, so well done that makes this book the treasure it is. This is one we hope to never lose.

#### Story Tips:

Finding those sneaky lemurs on every page is so much fun but pay attention to the title page too.

I need more!

Frann Preston-Gannon has a great collection of fun and adorable books available. Check out her website for a full list but I can foresee us investigating Pepper & Poe or Dinosaur Beach in the future.

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#### **Lisa says**

Adorable! And I'm not just saying that because I'm obsessed with lemurs. The story is so fun and sweet.

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#### **Selena says**

The boy goes on an adventure as he tries to lose lemurs following him but actually needs their help getting home in the end

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## **Julie says**

In his quest to get away from a group of lemurs who are following him, the young protagonist has lots of adventures, but loses his way and eventually needs their help to get back home. I am loving, more and more, the illustrated books of Frann Preston-Gannon. The wit and whimsy and creativity that goes into her animal characters is amazing. The gang of lemurs here are depicted in all kinds of unique colors, shapes, and sizes. Her work is impressive and fun for kids and adults alike to enjoy.

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## **Hazel Markland says**

Love this book xx Such a cute story and beautifully illustrated, my little boy loves this book and I love reading it with him xxx

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## **Sheri says**

The author says there is not much you can do when a lemur takes a liking to you. And this story shows the boy trying to separate from the lemur he meets. And in the end it is nice to have a lemur help you out. Friendship type story that is fun to read aloud and talk about with 4-8 year olds.

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## **Christine Turner says**

Everyone knows that once a lemur takes a fancy to you there is not much that can be done about it. That's just what happens to a little boy when a lemur begins to follow him in the park one day--and more of the adoring animals join in. The boy does everything to ditch the playful creatures, from jumping on a train to flying in a hot-air balloon to climbing the highest mountain. But nothing works--AND he's lost, too! It's then that his constant companions show just why they make the very best of friends. The parade of lovable lemurs, and the playful illustrations, will have children laughing, reading this again and again-and wishing they could have a pet like that, too.

Great illustrations.

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## **Samantha says**

I received this book from Goodreads, first reads.

I was so happy when I had found out I was lucky enough to have won this book. I knew it would be exactly the type of book my class would love. I was not wrong!

All the children loved the story, they were engaged throughout and were waiting to find out what was going to happen. They particularly enjoyed the story as the boy travels up mountains across deserts and seas.

The illustrations throughout the book are very good, they are eye catching and detailed.

Once we had finished the story we talked about our favourite part of it and why we liked it. Many of the children loved the part where the lemurs were snorkeling and laughed a lot.

We also talked about any new words we had learnt from the story, this opened a whole new learning session about the book. We identified that lemur was a new word and talked about what one is, the children also talked about different settings in the book such as a desert and that camels are only in hot places. I think this is a very good book to talk about different terrain.

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