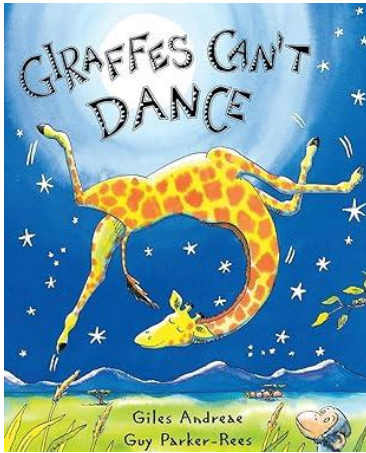




Giraffes Can't Dance

Author: Giles Andreae

Illustrator: Guy Parker-Rees

Themes: Self-Acceptance, Creativity

Book Brief: A heartwarming story about Gerald the giraffe, who discovers that everyone can dance when they find the right music and believe in themselves!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever felt like you couldn't do something that others could do? How did that make you feel?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a giraffe named Gerald who wants to dance but feels like he can't, until he learns something important.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Gerald want to do? What is his problem?
- How do the other animals treat Gerald? How does this make him feel?
- Describe what happens when Gerald meets a new friend. What does this friend teach him?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What did Gerald learn about himself? How did he find his own way to dance?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Make a [musical shaker](#) and have a "Dance Your Own Way" party. Play different types of music and encourage your child to shake their instrument and move however feels right to them—no rules, just like Gerald found his own special dance.
- Read other titles by Giles Andreae, such as [Brave Dave](#).