

LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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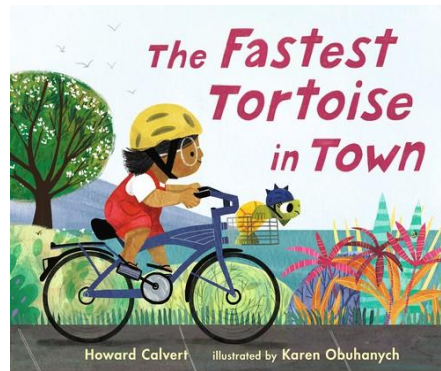
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Classification

Fiction

Grade level

K-3



Book Review: FASTEST TORTOISE IN TOWN, THE

Barbara Hendricks is a leopard tortoise and is the friend and pet of Lorraine. The tortoise tells her own story of how she decides to enter a running race. Soon she has second thoughts, but Lorraine encourages her and helps her train. Self-doubt continues, and on the day of the race, when she sees her competitors--a slug, a snail, a sloth, and a grumpy walrus--Barbara Hendricks is sure they are all faster. The race is won, and the winner is declared. Children will enjoy the race. The little tortoise feels so good about the outcome and herself that she's even up to taking on a hare the next time she races.

This book can lead children to discuss the importance of not giving up, of working hard to accomplish goals, and of being proud of their accomplishments even if they are unable to reach their goals.

Children can also learn more about leopard tortoises and the other mollusks and mammals mentioned. As a fun activity, they may also enjoy talking about the names of their pets and why they were given the names they have.

