

# THE GIRAFFE AND THE PELLY AND ME

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Billy, a small boy

**ELAINE GRANT**

Pelly

**CHARLIE FOLORUNSHO**

Giraffe

**SALLY MAIS**

Monkey

**JULIAN BLEACH**

Clive/Chauffeur/Gardener/Police

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Walter/Duke

**CHARLOTTE MEDCALF**

Mum/Duchess

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## THE GIRAFFE

\* The Giraffe is the tallest mammal alive today. It usually measures over 18 ft in height, the neck accounting for nearly half this amount. The giraffe has two small skin-covered horns on the head and a long tufted tail. Young are born singly and in 3 days are able to trot almost at adult pace.

\* The tallest ever recorded giraffe was one named George, who came to England on 8 Jan 1959 from Kenya. His head almost touched the roof of the 20ft high Giraffe house in Chester Zoo when he was just nine years old.

\* The first giraffe ever seen in England was presented to George IV by Mohammed Ali, Pasha of Egypt, in August 1827.

## THE MONKEY

\* Monkeys are numerous in tropical parts of Africa, South America and Asia.

\* The largest member of the monkey family is the Mandrill of West Africa. The average head and body length of the adult male is 24 - 30 in, 61 - 76 cm, and weighs 55 - 70lb, 25 - 32 kg.

\* The smallest monkey is the Pygmy marmoset of Ecuador, Northern Peru and Western Brazil. Mature Pygmy's have a maximum total length of 12 in, 304mm, (half of which is the tail) and weighs from 1.7 to 2.81 oz, 49 to 80 g. The Pygmy rivals the mouse lemur for the title of the smallest living primate.

\* The oldest recorded monkey was called George of London Zoological Gardens, who lived to the age of 46.

## THE PELICAN

\* The Pelican is a strong bird, with a large body, short legs and webbed feet. They breed in large colonies and nest on the ground and in low-hanging trees. They lay 1 - 4 eggs and both parents feed the young. The chicks feed by thrusting their heads in the parents' pouches and taking food stored there.

\* The beak on a pelican is enormous and can hold up to 9.6lit of water. It can use its beak like a large fishing net and scoop up fish from the water with it.

