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ACTUAL SIZE

Written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins



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How big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world’s largest spider? Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that’s bigger than your head? Sometimes facts and figures don’t tell the whole story. Sometimes you need to see things for yourself—at their actual size.

This stunning oversize picture book features Jenkins’s trademark cut-paper collage, used to great effect in depicting a variety of animals (or animal parts) from around the world as they would be up-close and personal. A foldout crocodile will have children (and their parents) scrambling to find some paper to make their own life-size creations. Seeing is believing in this masterful use of the picture book format.

Jenkins credits his children with providing a constant source of inspiration for his books: “There is a cast of a gorilla’s hand at child height in the San Diego Zoo, where I was on a visit a few years ago with my middle child, Alec. When I saw it, and saw him compare his hand to the gorilla’s, I immediately realized that here was a book concept.”

Steve Jenkins is the acclaimed author and illustrator of numerous nonfiction books for young readers. *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*, done in collaboration with his wife, Robin Page, was awarded a 2004 Caldecott Honor Medal. Other awards he has received include the Washington Post/Children’s Book Guild Nonfiction Award and the Boston Globe–Horn Book Award. Steve Jenkins lives in Boulder, Colorado, with his wife and three children.

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“Jenkins’s signature cut-paper collages are once again amazing in this oversize book in which life-size illustrations of eighteen creatures (or parts of them) invite reader participation.”—*Horn Book*

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