

JERRY FU'S SWIMMING LESSON

朱瑞福的游泳課

Everybody in town is learning to swim, and young Jerry Fu the giraffe wants to learn too. But swimming is so scary, and he keeps failing. Why is it so hard for him? One tiny detail amid Lai Ma's rich visual world catches Jerry Fu's eye and shows him the thing he's missing.

Swimming has become a really popular activity in town these days – all the animals are doing it, and young Jerry Fu the giraffe wants to learn. His mother signs him up for a beginner class led by amazing instructors, and he's really excited. But every step of the way, from the warm-up to being in the water, is really hard for Jerry Fu. After all the other animals have learned the basic strokes, he's exhausted and struggling. Only when everyone else has left, and he's sitting alone by the pool, he notices a single leaf floating effortlessly on the water...and an idea pops into his head!

Celebrated children's author Lai Ma imbues this educational story about growing, learning, and overcoming difficulty with energy, hope, and a whirlwind of detail. The book's stunning complexity and smooth coherence make it a rewarding read and an easy favorite.

Lai Ma 賴馬

Lai Ma published his first book, *I've Turned into a Dragon!* at the age of twenty-seven to critical acclaim. He has devoted himself to his writing and illustrations. He has won almost every major prize for children's literature in Taiwan, and has had three books take the top spot on the Eslite yearly bestseller list for picture books.

Lai Hsiao-Yen 賴曉妍

The Lai family matriarch, and the crucial motivator of Lai Ma's children's literature project. This book is adapted from a bedtime story she crafted for their three children.



Category: Picture Book

Publisher: Commonwealth Education

Date: 7/2018

Rights contact:

booksfromtaiwan.rights@gmail.com

Pages: 44

Size: 26 x 25 cm

Age: 4+

Rights sold: Simplified Chinese (CheerFly)

Jerry Fu is a little giraffe.



Everyone is swimming.

Swimming has become very popular in his town.

The streams and rivers, ponds and lakes are full of animals swimming.



Swimming is cool!
It's good for your health.



His name is Jerry Fu.

OK, how tall is he?

Jerry Fu can't swim.

Mama takes him to sign up for Children's Swimming Lessons.

CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
1.5 HOURS A DAY
4 WEEKS
LET'S ALL LEARN TO SWIM!!
Front-crawl
Breast-stroke
Back-stroke
Butterfly

LOCAL CHAMPION!
WATER HERO!
ANIMAL OLYMPICS CHAMPION
IN ALL FOUR STROKES

Swimming keeps you fit
Swimming keeps you happy

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL
Keep young
Keep swimming

RULES OF THE POOL
1 DO NOT SWIM IF YOU ARE UNWELL
2 PEE IN THE TOILET, NOT THE POOL
3 SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL
4 NO RUNNING
5 NO DIVING
6 NO UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

TO THE POOL

There are five coaches:

Mr Monkey



Miss Panda



Miss Raccoon



Mr Frog



Mr Wild-boar



Mr Wild-boar wasn't at all wild or boring. He made everyone laugh!



Hah Hah Hah!

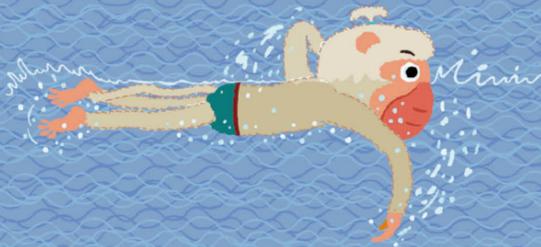
Hah Hah!

Hah Hah!

Hello everyone!
I'm Mr Wild-boar.
Let's be cool in the pool!

“Welcome, everyone!”

“Mr Monkey will show us front-crawl.”



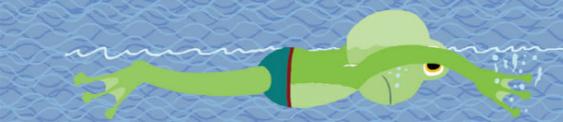
Turn your head to breathe.



Eyes to the sky.



“Miss Raccoon will show us butterfly.”



Breathe.

“And Mr Frog will show us breast-stroke.”



“Miss Panda will show us back-stroke.”



“Master one stroke, and you’ll be a swimmer!” said Mr Wild-boar.

Breathe.

Kick your legs back.

Some special guests had been invited to the class to show their swimming styles.

Sausage Dog showed them how to do "doggy-paddle"



Mallard showed them how to "tread water"



Crocodile showed them how to "flick your tail"

You have to flick hard!



Hippo showed them how to "hold your breath underwater"



Don't float to the surface!

Lizard showed them how to "skim water"



You have to be quick!
It feels like you're flying!

Beaver showed them how to "lie back and eat"



You can put your food on your tummy.

And have a little nap afterwards.