

# 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.



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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.



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!



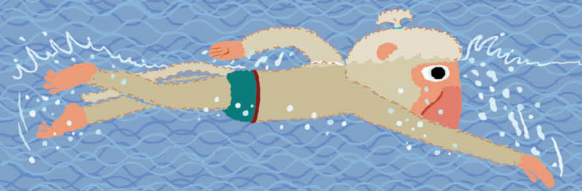


“Welcome, everyone!”

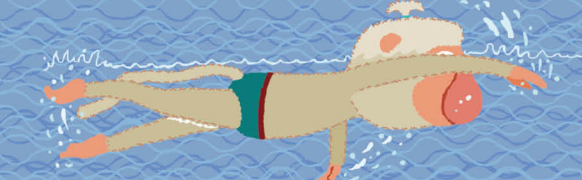
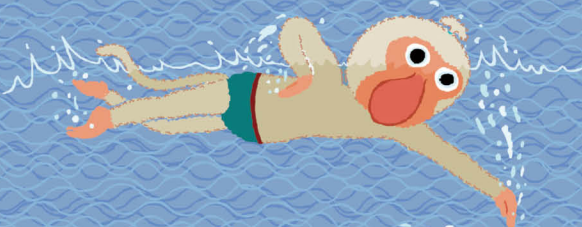
“Mr Monkey will show us front-crawl.”



“Miss Panda will show us back-stroke.”



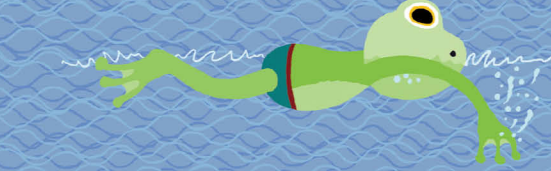
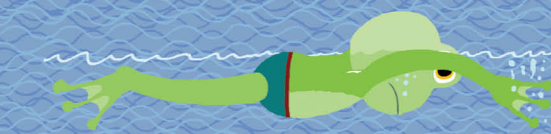
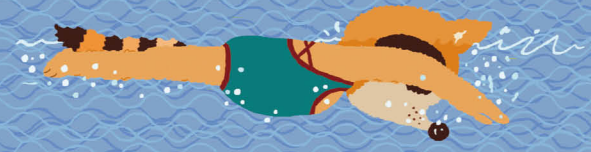
Turn your head to breathe.



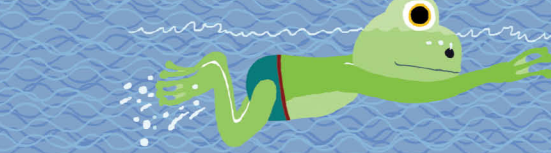
Eyes to the sky.



“Miss Raccoon will show us butterfly.”



Breathe.



Kick your legs back.

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



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



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

Sausage Dog showed them how to do “doggy-paddle”

You have to move your paws fast!

Mallard showed them how to “tread water”

Keep your head still!

An illustration of a brown Sausage Dog and a Mallard duck in a body of water. The Sausage Dog is on the left, wearing a green life preserver with a question mark, and is paddling with its front paws. The Mallard duck is on the right, standing on its feet in the water. The background is split into a light blue left half and a light pink right half, both with a pattern of small white circles. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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Crocodile showed them  
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A vibrant illustration of a crocodile and a group of animals playing in the water. The crocodile, green with blue and red spots, is in the foreground, flicking its long tail. A large splash of white water is behind it. In the background, a group of animals, including a deer, a black cat, a zebra, a bear, a giraffe, a hedgehog, a dog, a rabbit, and a hippo, are all splashing and playing in the blue water. The background is a light blue with a pattern of small white circles.

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Lizard showed them how to  
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A cartoon illustration of a brown lizard with green and black stripes on its back and tail, wearing a blue tank top. The lizard is shown in a dynamic, horizontal pose, skimming across the surface of a blue body of water. Its front legs are extended forward, and its back legs are pushing off, creating a splash of white water behind it. The background is a solid light beige color.

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Beaver showed them how to  
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