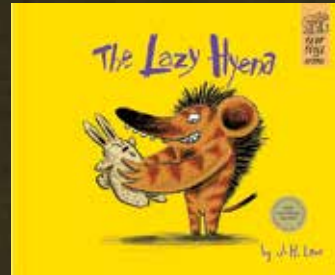




While playing with his two best friends one day, Four Tooth the hyena has a stomach ache. On the way to the toilet, he finds a large leg of ham! What should he do? He has to rush to the toilet! Then Four Tooth has an idea! But when he returns from the toilet, the leg of ham is gone! Who has taken it? Will his friends, Red Hair the lion and Chip Ear the leopard help him find the leg of ham?

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About this Book

There Is Nothing Buried Here is inspired by the Chinese idiom, 此地无银三百两 (ci di wu yin san bai liang), from an old folk tale. The tale tells of a villager named Zhang San.

Through hard work and thrift, Zhang San saved up 300 pieces of silver, but he soon started to worry that the money would be stolen. After several sleepless nights, Zhang San had an idea. He put the money into a box and buried it in his backyard. However, he was still worried that someone would find it and take it. Hence, he put up a sign on the spot where he buried the box and was finally assured that his money was safe. The sign read: *300 pieces of silver not buried here*. Soon after, Wang Er, Zhang San's neighbour, noticed the sign. Wang Er was dishonest and lazy and was always dreaming of how he could get rich without working. That night, when Zhang San had gone to bed, Wang Er dug up the silver and took it.

This idiom describes a person's attempt to cover up what he has done by telling others that he did not do it, but instead draws more attention to his deed.

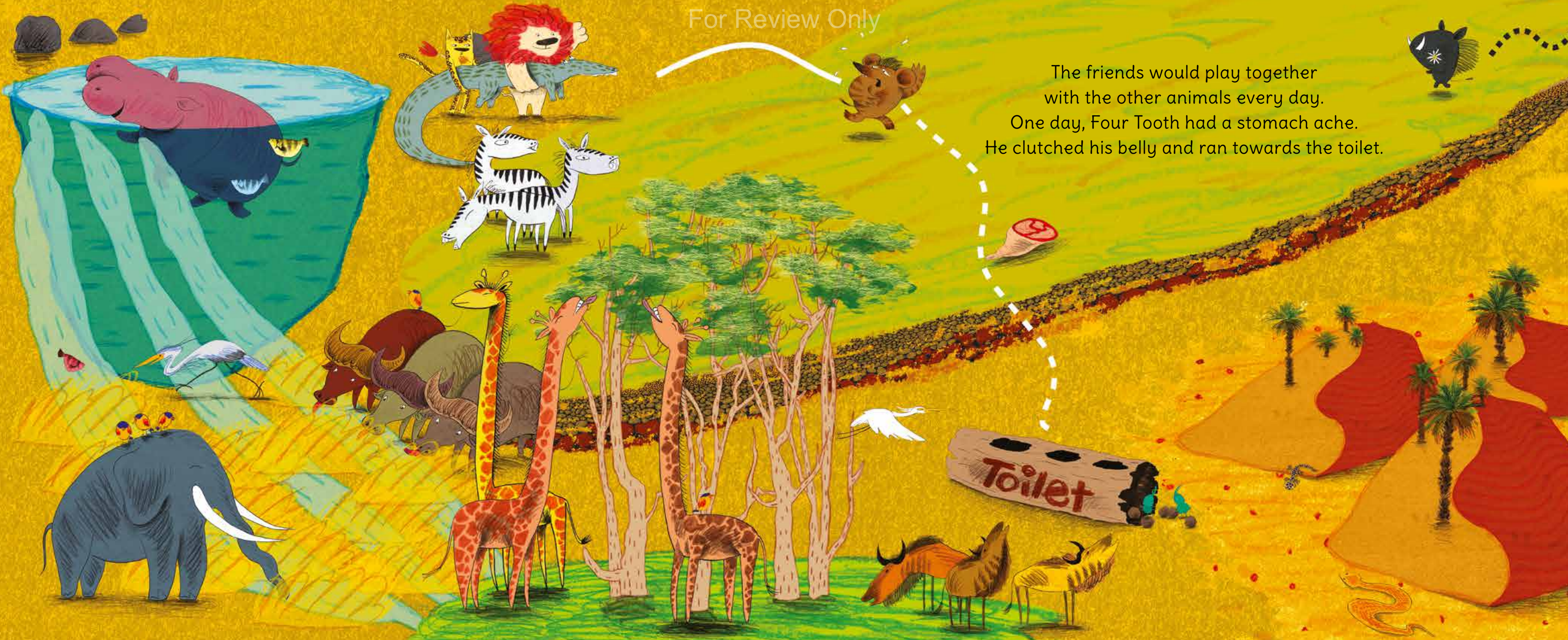
In this book, the lesson is taught through three endearing characters – Red Hair the lion, Chip Ear the leopard and Four Tooth the hyena – who also demonstrate friendship and forgiveness. This quirky, meaningful and visual treat will delight readers of all ages. The Chinese edition of this book was awarded the prestigious Macmillan Prize for Children's Book Illustration in 2009.

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Red Hair the lion, Chip Ear the leopard and Four Tooth the hyena were the best of friends. The three of them grew up together in Heping Nature Park.



The friends would play together with the other animals every day. One day, Four Tooth had a stomach ache. He clutched his belly and ran towards the toilet.



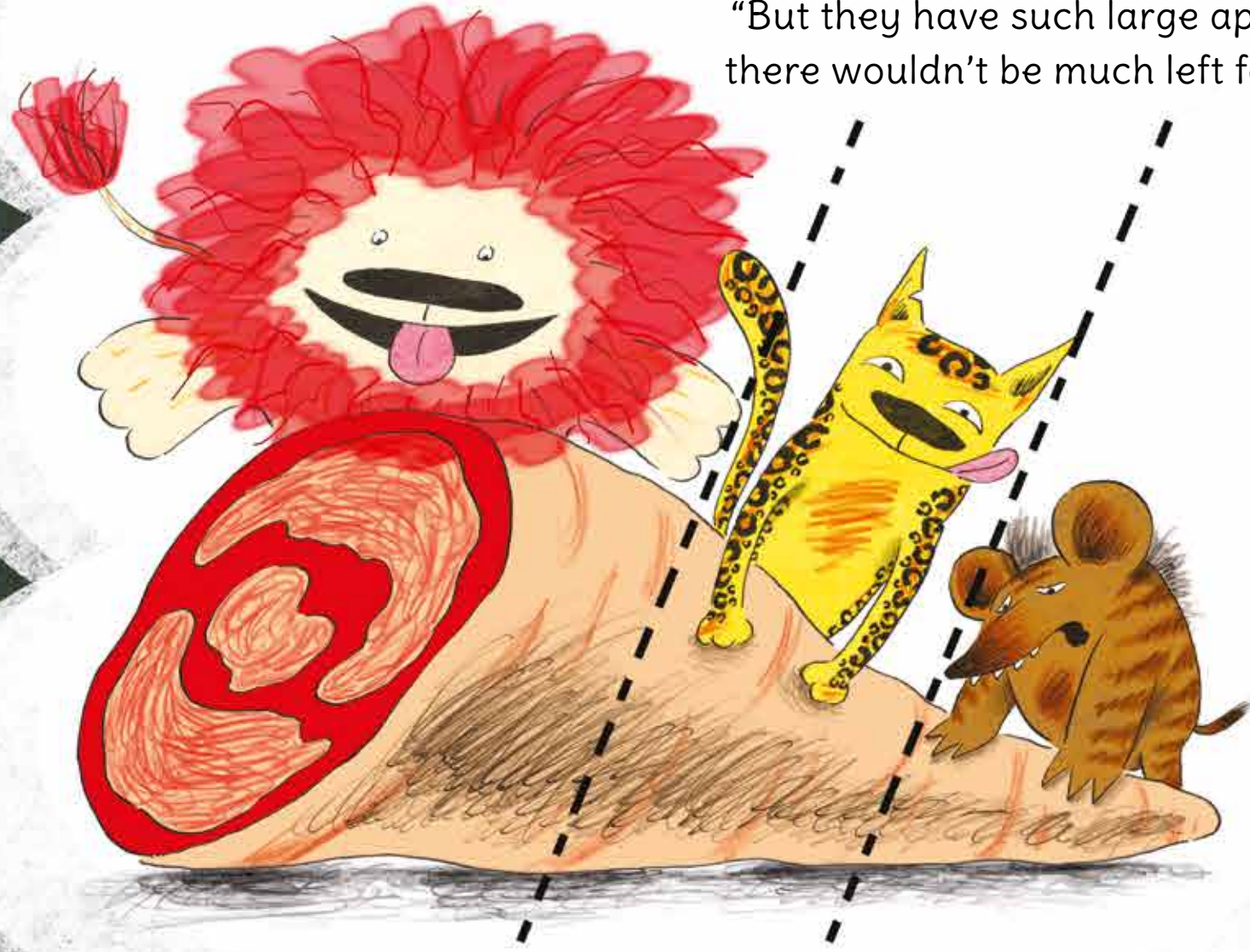


On his way there, he found a large leg of ham.
He looked around.
There was not a soul in sight.

“Finders keepers!” he thought to himself
and almost forgot about his stomach ache.

“I can’t wait to show this to Red Hair and Chip Ear!”
Four Tooth thought excitedly.

“But they have such large appetites,
there wouldn’t be much left for me...”



“I found this leg of ham.
It belongs to me.
Why should I share it?
I should enjoy it all by myself!”





About the Author and Illustrator

J.H. Low has always been a passionate artist, illustrator and creator of stories. He holds a BA (Honours) in Fine Arts from the University of Leeds, UK, and a MA in Children's Books Illustration from the Anglia Ruskin University, UK. In 2009, he received the prestigious Macmillan Prize for Children's Picture Book Illustration for *There Is Nothing Buried Here*, which was translated into Chinese and became his first published book.

J.H.'s illustrations are spontaneous and masterful, and often imbued with a light touch of humour. He is the illustrator of *Dragon's Egg* (2012) by award-winning author, Carolyn Goodwin. He is also the author and illustrator of the much-loved children's book, *Lost in the Gardens* (2015), the first in a series of books on Singapore's attractions.

