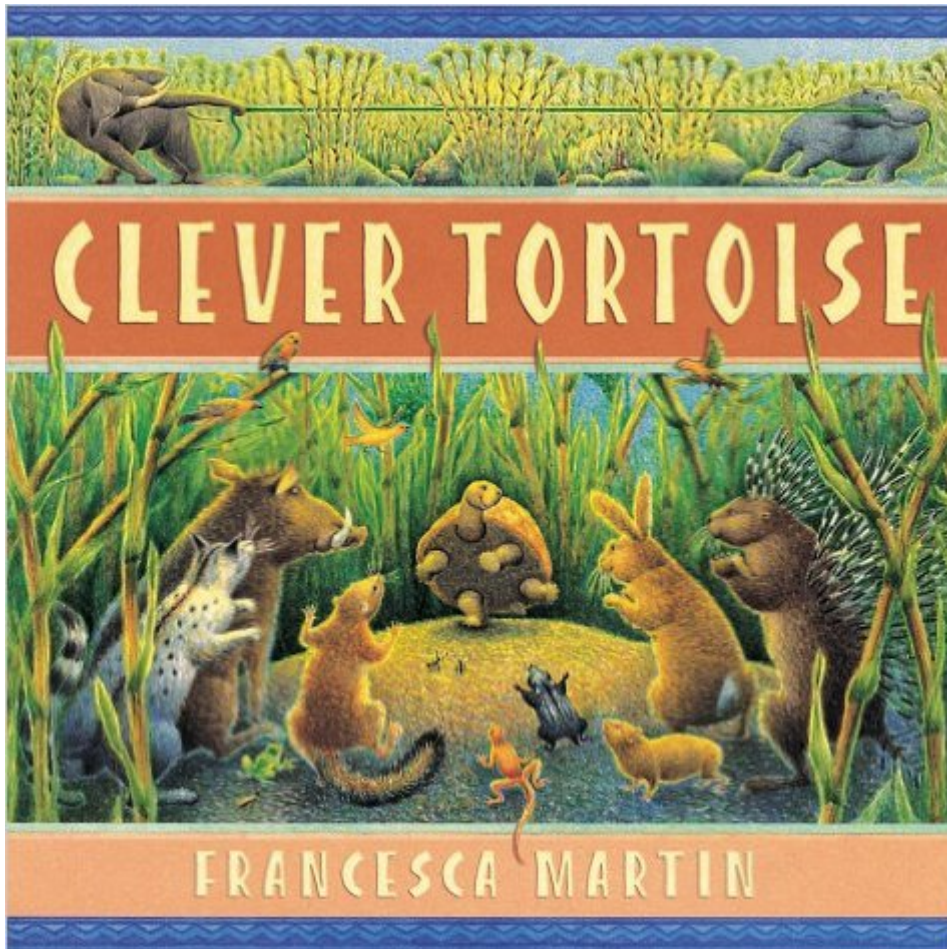


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# Clever Tortoise



## Synopsis

Clever Tortoise cuts a couple of bullies down to size in this traditional African folktale. Elephant and Hippo are bullies. Big, strong, and selfish, the two friends boss and frighten all the other animals in the jungle, making life in their formerly harmonious community unbearable. But one day, Clever Tortoise calmly declares that size and strength aren't everything. Soon he proves it, hatching a plan to outwit the two tyrants with the tug-of-war to end all tugs-of-war. Who will be left standing when Tortoise's ingenious contest is over? Francesca Martin's spirited adaptation of a traditional African folk story-complete with a glossary of African words-and her rich illustrations will have kids cheering as wit and quiet wisdom triumph over brute strength.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is an absolute treasure - quite simply one of the best children's books I have encountered. A terrific story, told in a lively and engaging style, lots of humour, and wonderfully lush and detailed illustrations. My 2 year daughter and 8 year old nephew adore it equally. Just magical!

Similar to Martin's other work 'The Honey Hunters.' Traditional African folktale set with bright vibrant art. My children enjoy being read this book over and over. I hunt out any of Martin's works.

This is a wonderful interpretation of the classic eastern African tale with a bullying theme as a

bonus.

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