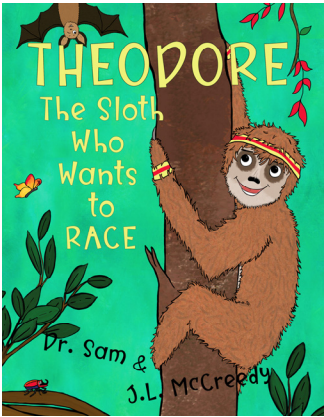


TIP SHEET: THEODORE, THE SLOTH WHO WANTS TO RACE



Description: A humorous, read-aloud rhyming picture book for children ages 6-10, featuring a sloth with dreams of becoming a champion sprinter.

Summary:

Theodore yearns to RACE, to EARN his wins, to prove his WORTH.

The only catch?

Well, he's a sloth, the slowest mammal ON THIS EARTH.

But that can't stop a dream.

With determination, a few good friends and a touch of science, Theo sets out to overcome his obstacles. Join him on his (two-toed) quest for athletic glory!

Theodore, The Sloth Who Wants to Race is a humorous, rhyming, read-aloud story about perseverance, resiliency and overcoming obstacles. Educators and parents will also appreciate the fun, educational content at the end of the story, thanks to co-author Dr. Sam (a former veterinarian).

Mom's Choice Award Gold Medalist!

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Author(s): Dr. Sam and J.L. McCreedy **Illustrator:** J.L. McCreedy **Target Age Range:** Ages 6-10

Biography: Dr. Sam practiced Veterinary Medicine for a number of years (he once was asked to treat someone's "kitty" that turned out to be a lion!) before deciding that he wanted to help people, too. So he went to medical school and now practices Family Medicine. He's worked in all kinds of places, including the USA, Germany, the Kingdom of Tonga, Samoa, China, Indonesia and Italy.

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Story behind the story: The authors wrote the first draft of *Theodore* one rainy evening in 2008, when they found themselves at a low point and far from the goals in life they wanted to reach. One of them (they can't remember which) shared the idea of a sloth believing he could become a champion sprinter as analogous to their situation. They thought the idea so apt and funny that they took inspiration in fleshing out Theo's impossible dream. And now, years later, he is finally alive!

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