

What Game Shall We Play?

by Pat Hutchins

Duck and Frog went out to play.	7
"What game shall we play?" asked Duck.	14
"I don't know," said Frog.	19
"Let's go and ask Fox."	24
So off they went to look for Fox.	32
Duck looked among the tall grass, and there he was.	42
"What game shall we play, Fox?" they asked.	50
"I don't know," said Fox.	55
"Let's go and ask Mouse."	60
Duck looked over the wall, but Mouse wasn't there.	69
Frog looked under the wall, but she wasn't there, either.	79
When they found her, she didn't know what game to play	90
either. They went to ask Rabbit. Rabbit didn't know so	100
they asked Squirrel. Squirrel didn't know so they asked	109
Owl. Owl suggested playing hide-and-seek. So they did.	119

A Game Called Piggle

by: Crosby Bonsall

"Oh, Bear," Homer said, "will you play a game with me?"	11
Bear said, "Yes, I will. What shall we play?"	20
"Do you know a game called Piggle?" Homer asked.	29
"Piggle... piggle," Bear said. "Piggle like triggle, hummm."	37
"Triggle, Bear?" Homer said.	41
"Triggle," Bear said. "Triggle like biggle."	47
"Oh," said Homer.	50
"Let me think," said Bear. "Piggle like miggie."	58
"Miggie, Bear?" Homer said.	62
"Miggie like diggle," Bear said.	67
"Oh," said Homer.	70
"Let me see now, we have triggle and biggle, miggie and diggle like Piggle."	81 84
"Oh, I see," cried Homer. "Let me try. Wiggle, giggle, sniggle and figgle like Piggle. That's it, Bear. I can play!"	94 105

Jafta
by Hugh Lewin

When I'm happy, said Jafta, I purr like a lioncub, or	11
skip like a spider, or laugh like a hyena. And sometimes I	23
want to jump like an impala, or dance like a zebra, or just	36
nuzzle like a rabbit.	40
When I get tired, I like lazing in the sun like a lizard,	53
or wallowing warm like a hippo, and feeling cuddly like a	64
lamb.	65
But when I get cross, I stamp like an elephant and	76
grumble like a warthog.	80
And I can be as strong as a rhino. Sometimes I want	92
to be as tall as a giraffe, as long as a snake. And I want	105
to run as fast as a cheetah, as quick as an ostrich, or	118
swing through the trees like a monkey, and fly high high	129
high like an eagle, or just stand very still, like a crane on	142
one leg.	144

Mary Mack

Oh, Mary Mack, Mack, Mack	5
All dressed in black, black, black,	11
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons,	16
All down her back, back, back.	21
She asked her mother, mother, mother,	27
For fifty cents, cents, cents,	32
To watch the elephant, elephant, elephant,	38
Jump over the fence, fence, fence.	44
He jumped so high, high, high,	50
That he reached the sky, sky, sky,	57
And he didn't come back, back, back,	64
"Til the fourth of July, 'ly, 'ly.	71

Matthew and Tilly

by: Rebecca C. Jones

Matthew and Tilly were friends. They rode bikes	8
together, and they played hide-and-seek together. They	17
sold lemonade together. When business was slow, they	25
played sidewalk games together. And sometimes they ate	33
ice-cream cones together.	37
Once they even rescued a lady's kitten from a tree	47
together. The lady gave them money for the bubble-gum	57
machines. So later they chewed gum together and	65
remembered how brave they had been.	71
But sometimes they got mad at each other and they	81
had to do things by themselves. When they did things by	91
themselves, it wasn't as much fun.	97
Tilly smiled at Matthew through her window. That	105
was enough for Matthew. "I'm sorry," he called.	113
"So am I," said Tilly.	118

The Great Ball Game

by Joseph Bruchac

Long ago the Birds and Animals had a great	9
argument. The Birds think that animals with wings are	18
better than the rest. The other animals believe that	27
animals with teeth are better. Back and forth the two	37
groups argued.	39
Then the Crane, who was the leader of the Birds, and	50
Bear, who was the leader of the Animals, had an idea for	62
settling the argument. They decided to have a ball game.	72
The first side to score will win the argument. And the	83
side that loses will have to accept the penalty given by the	95
other side.	97
Every animal picked a side except for Bat. He flew	107
back and forth between the two sides. Neither of the	117
team wanted him. The Animals finally took Bat onto	126
their team. Bat won the game!	132

The Big Team Relay Race

By: Leonard Kessler

The animals were playing games. The teams are the	9
Yankees, the Tigers, and the Pirates. Worm wants to play,	19
but she is not on a team.	26
“All teams line up for the big team relay race,” Owl	37
said.	38
Dog, Frog, and Turtle went to the starting line.	47
Duck, Rabbit, and Cat waited down the track. Frog and	57
Turtle each had a little stick.	63
“Where is my stick?” asked Dog.	69
Worm wiggled over to Owl. “I am ready, Coach,” said	78
Worm.	79
“Hey, Worm,” said Owl. “You can be Dog’s stick!”	88
“Wow! I am on a team!” said Worm. “I’m a Yankee!”	99