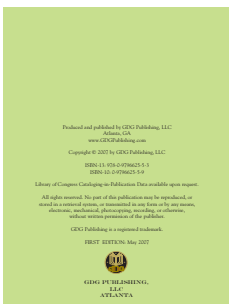


A Look Inside

Duncan: The Circus Dinosaur

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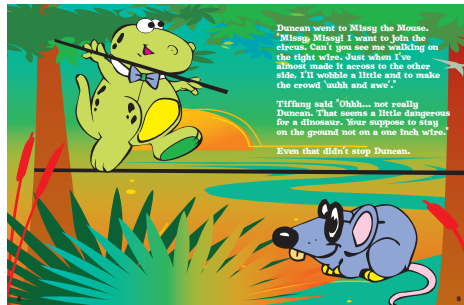


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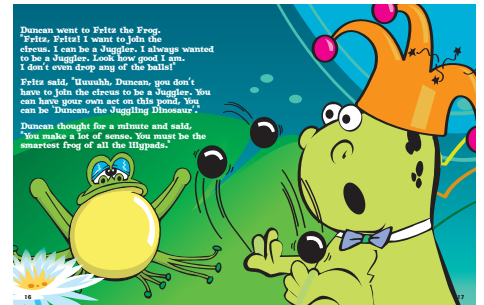
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Here once lived a young dinosaur named Duncan who loved everything about the circus. He spent endless hours dreaming of the trapeze artists, the clowns or the ringmaster. One day, he decided that he was going to join the circus. But first, he had to ask his mommy for permission.



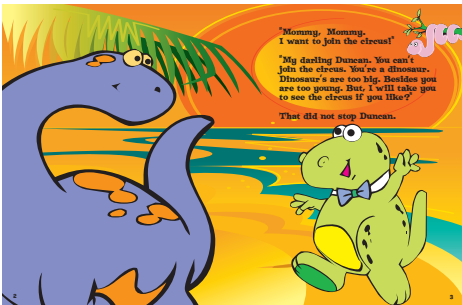
Duncan went to Missy the Mouse. "Missy, Missy! I want to join the circus. Can't you see me walking on the tight wire—that when I've almost made it across to the other side, I'll wobble a little and to make the crowd 'uhh and awe'."

Tiffany said "Ohhh... not really Duncan. That seems a little dangerous for a dinosaur. Your suppose to stay on the ground not on a one lock wire. Even that didn't stop Duncan."



Duncan went to Fritz the Frog. "Fritz, Fritz! I want to join the circus. I can be a juggler. I always wanted to be a juggler. Look how good I am. I don't even drop any of the balls!"

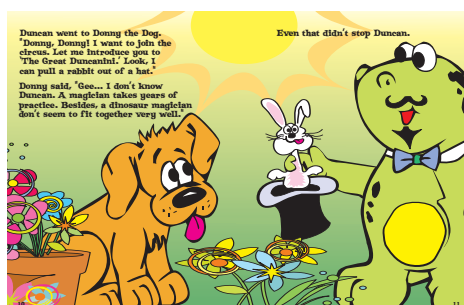
Fritz said, "Uuuuhh. Duncan, you don't have to join the circus to be a juggler. You can save your own act on this pond. You can be 'Duncan, the Juggling Dinosaur'." Duncan thought for a minute and said, "You make a lot of sense. You must be the smartest frog of all the Illupads."



"Mommy, Mommy, I want to join the circus!"

"My darling Duncan, you can't join the circus. You're a dinosaur. Dinosaur's are too big. Besides you are too young. But, I will take you to see the circus if you like!"

That did not stop Duncan.



Even that didn't stop Duncan.

Duncan went to Donny the Dog. "Donny, Donny! I want to join the circus. Let me introduce you to 'The Great Dinosaur!'. Look, I can pull a rabbit out of a hat."

Donny said, "Gee... I don't know Duncan. A magellan takes years of practice. Besides, a dinosaur magellan don't seem to fit together very well."



Finally, Duncan went to Warner the Worm. "Warner, Warner! I want to join the circus. I can walk on stilts. I always wanted to do this. Look! No hands!"

Warner said, "Very good my dear boy. But to me it seems fun going to the circus and watching all the exciting acts. Besides you get to eat popcorn and hotdogs and ice cream."

Duncan thought for a moment. "Warner, you are perfect. That is super fun. You're the smartest worm I know."



Duncan went to Gary the Gopher. "Gary, Gary! I want to join the circus. Can't you see me doing my little dance before begin my trapeze act."

Gary said, "Uhhh... not really Duncan. You can't join the circus. You're a dinosaur. You're too big. Besides, you're a dinosaur and your posterior is too big for the swing."

But that didn't stop Duncan.



Duncan went to Leonard the Lion. "Leonard, Leonard! I want to join the circus. I could be a great lion tamer. Let's practice. Ok, now YOU Jump!"

Leonard said "Ohhh... absolutely not Duncan. Dinosaur's are not suppose to play with fire. Besides, you are a dinosaur and dinosaur's cannot tame lions."

Not even that could stop Duncan.



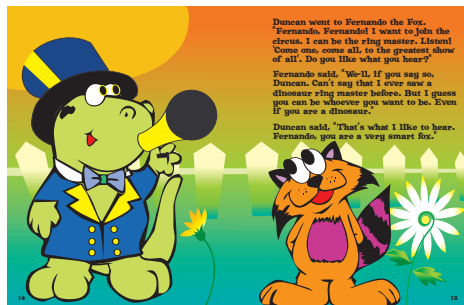
From the day on Duncan spent many years under the big top - in the audience!



Duncan went to Tiffany the Tigress. "Tiffany, Tiffany! I want to join the circus. Can't you see me as a clown drifting around the ring in my silly clown car."

Tiffany said "We-ll... not really Duncan. You are a dinosaur and dinosaur's don't drive cars. Dinosaur's are suppose to roam the land and look for food."

Even that didn't stop Duncan.



Duncan went to Fernando the Fox. "Fernando, Fernando! I want to join the circus. I can be the ring master. Listen! Come one, come all to the greatest show of all. Do you like what you hear?"

Fernando said, "We-ll, if you say so, Duncan. Can't you see that I even saw a dinosaur ring master before. But I guess you can be whoever you want to be. Even if you are a dinosaur."

Duncan said, "That's what I like to hear. Fernando, you are a very smart fox."