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### The Great Graph Contest

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Leedy, Loreen. *The Great Graph Contest*. Illustrated by Loreen Leedy. Holiday House, 2005. ISBN 0823417107. \$16.95. 32 p.

Reviewer: Sarah Wanlass

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Fiction; Informational books;

Subject: Graphic methods--Juvenile fiction; Amphibians--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

The toad Gonk's graph-making hobby becomes contagious. Soon he and his lizard friend Beezy are in a battle of wit, creativity and talent as they each strive to create a graph that will win the contest. Chester the snail struggles to decide on a victor. The results of the contest add a twist to the tale.

Lively illustrations, a combination of digital painting and photo collage, depict a variety of graphing methods. The story's fast-paced dialogue is sure to hold the interest of young readers. This concept book superbly introduces graphing techniques such as the Venn diagram, the circle graph or pie chart, the bar graph, and the quantity graph. After completing the story, Leedy devotes the book to explaining these simple methods of data analysis. Readers will want to pull it off the shelf and start graphing!