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# Yours Sincerely, Giraffe

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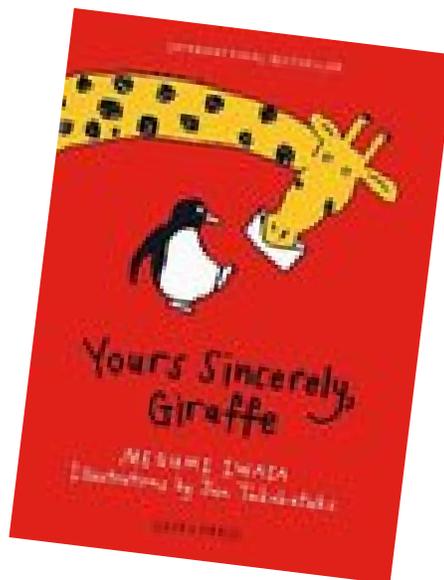
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# Book Review

**Title:** Yours Sincerely, Giraffe  
**Author:** Megumi Iwasa  
**Illustrator:** Jun Takabatake  
**Reviewer:** Sarah Rawle  
**Publisher:** Gecko Press  
**Publication Year:** 2016  
**ISBN:** 9781927271889  
**Number of Pages:** 102  
**Interest Level:** Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

Giraffe is so bored that he decides to do something about it. Pelican is starting a new mail service, so Giraffe decides to write a letter to whomever it reaches on the other side of the horizon. Pelican delivers the letter to Seal, who then delivers the letter to Penguin. Even though Giraffe does not know what Penguin looks like and Penguin doesn't know what Giraffe looks like, they continue to send each other letters and become great friends! Giraffe decides to visit his new friend, so he dresses up in what he thinks Penguin looks like. When Giraffe arrives, Penguin doesn't think Giraffe looks like a penguin at all, but they are happy to see each other!

This is a story of friendship and curiosity. Each chapter is short and contains the written letters from both Giraffe and Penguin. The book also includes some illustrations to go along with the story, including an illustration of Giraffe dressed up as a penguin and Giraffe's imaginings of what Penguin looks like. Curiosity motivates Giraffe to write his first letter, and soon he, Penguin, and Pelican have a new friendship. And their friendship grows as they get to know each other and understand one another. Penguin is also a student of Whale, who is very old and knows everything. At the end, Whale mentions that Penguin has nothing left to learn from him and suggests that Penguin become a teacher, sharing the things he has learned. Seal, Whale, Pelican, Giraffe, and Penguin all become friends just from that one curious letter.