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The noisy young elephants want to know who is the fastest, so Elmer and Wilbur help set up a race course. The young elephants paint themselves different colors so they can keep track of who is where on the race course. The elephants are ready for the race and off they go! They have to cross the river and get past the tricky monkeys. Then they have to go over a hill and Yellow is in the lead. Green tries to pass, but Yellow trips him and he gets hurt. White stays to help him and Yellow tries to trip Orange, but he gets disqualified. Blue wins the race and they pass out the medals, while Yellow learns his lesson.

This book is great to teach young readers about not cheating. It shows them that if you cheat, then you can’t win in the end. This book has many wonderful illustrations that show the emotions of the characters and the colorful scenery. The story is simple, so it can be easily understood by young readers. David McKee paces the book very well, which helps keep the pages turning. This book is meant for preschool-age children because of the simplicity of the wording. Overall, this book teaches many great lessons and keeps the young readers entertained throughout the book.