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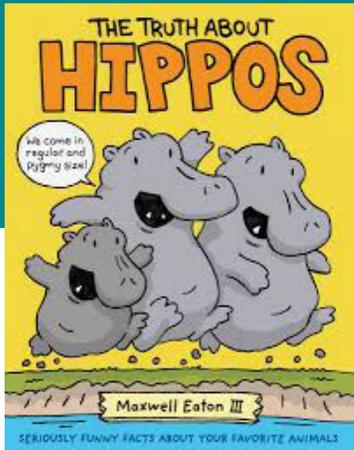
Book Review

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Author
Maxwell Eaton III

Illustrator

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Reviewer
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Rating
Outstanding

Level
Preschool, Primary

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32

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How much do you know about hippos? After reading Maxwell Eaton III's fun and factual picture book, The Truth About Hippos, you're guaranteed to know a whole lot more. This book teaches young readers all about the majestic hippopotamus: what they eat, where they live, and some seriously silly facts about their unique habits (including information about hippo poop, which is sure to be a hit with the kids). The facts are accompanied by clever commentary from kids, hippos, and other animals.

Facts about hippos are written in a way that young kids can relate to and understand. For instance, reading that hippos have toilet plunger-sized teeth is a lot easier for students to visualize and connect with than a traditional length in inches or feet. The bright and comical illustrations are attention-grabbing and make the information even more interesting and memorable. This book accomplishes a rare feat of being a nonfiction piece that reads like a comic book. Teachers could use this book, and Eaton's other similar titles in their classrooms. This book brilliantly blends fun and facts; it's a delightful read for kids (or kids of heart!) of any age.