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## That's Not a Hippopotamus!

Juliette MacIver Sarah Davis, Illustrator Gecko Press (Aug 1, 2016) Hardcover \$16.99 (32pp) 978-1-927271-96-4

Hijinks and hilarity ensue when a safari field trip turns into a hippo hunt as a rambunctious class and their beleaguered chaperone search high and low for the elusive mammal, in Julie MacIver's *That's Not a Hippopotamus!* Clever, rhythmic lines roll off the tongue, and detailed drawings by Sarah Davis give each child a distinct personality while adding to the merriment, as first a giraffe then a parade of other land and water animals are roped, wrangled, and dragged by eager boys and girls to be presented as the misplaced hippo, lurking ever so subtly in the shadows. A must-have for school, public, or home libraries in need of some lighthearted adventure, or for anyone who can appreciate the many innovative ways to rhyme hippopotamus.

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