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Marion Nadeau presents
a sneak peek
at her new book



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A fun read aloud book
to spark the imagination.



A little red headed girl uses her imagination, pretending to be a Flamingo, telling a story about her wonderful African animal friends, a Monkey, a Zebra, a Giraffe and an Elephant.

The Flamingo calls her friends and invites them to a picnic. But, when an uninvited guest appears unexpected mystery, fun, and hilarity follow.

This book uses beautiful photographs taken in Kenya and the United States to illustrate the story.



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Aubrey loves to use her imagination
to pretend she is all kinds of animals.

When Aubrey wakes up she says,

"Today,
I think I'll be a...flamingo!
My name is
Falicia the Flamingo."



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story and photographs
by Marion Nadeau

"Oh, what a beautiful day!"
says Falicia the Flamingo.
"The perfect day to have a picnic at
the lake. I think I'll call my friends,
Millie the Monkey,
Gabby the Giraffe,
Zelda the Zebra,
and Ellie the Elephant.
They'll want to have a picnic
at the lake with me."





"Wouldn't miss it!"
giggles
Gabby the Giraffe



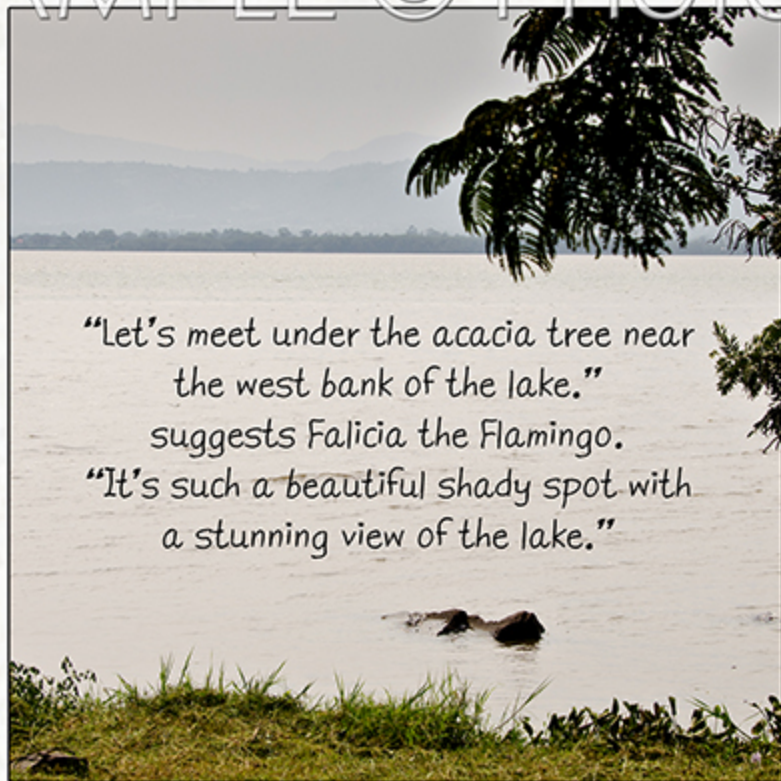
"Most definitely!"
chatters
Millie the Monkey

"Absolutely!"
trumpets
Ellie the Elephant



"Love to!"
neighs
Zelda
the
Zebra

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"Let's meet under the acacia tree near
the west bank of the lake."
suggests Falicia the Flamingo.
"It's such a beautiful shady spot with
a stunning view of the lake."



Of course,
Falicia
the
Flamingo's
four friends
are all excited
to join her
at the lake
for a picnic.

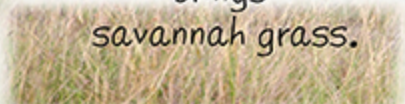
Each of the friends
decides to bring their
favorite food to share.



Millie the Monkey
brings
bananas.



Zelda the Zebra
brings
savannah grass.





Gabby the Giraffe
brings
acacia leaves.



Ellie the Elephant
brings
palm fronds.



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The friends are excited to try each other's food.

Falicia the Flamingo asks,
"Millie, do you turn yellow
when you eat your bananas?"



Millie the Monkey laughs,
"No, silly. Why would I turn yellow?"

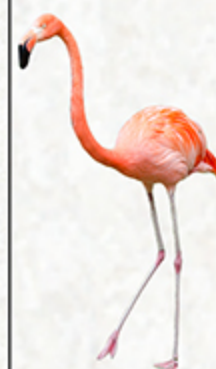
And,
Falicia the Flamingo
brings her favorite
pink algae.



Falicia the Flamingo explains,
"The algae I eat is why I am pink!"

All four friends look
at each other in wonder.
But no one wants to try
Falicia the Flamingo's algae.

Falicia the Flamingo asks,
"Why do you not
want to try my algae?"





Looking at the others,
Zelda the Zebra answers,
"Pink is ok for a flamingo
but not for a zebra
or a monkey or a giraffe
or an elephant."
Each of the four friends imagine
what she would look like pink.



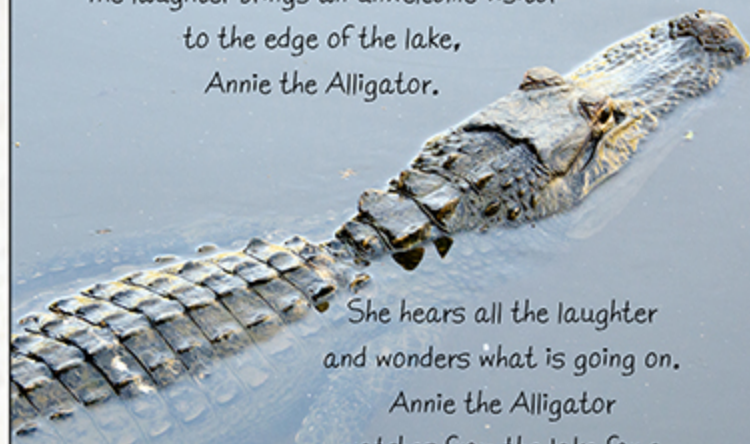
At first Falcia the Flamingo
is sad and her feelings are hurt.
Then, she thinks about each of her friends
and what they would look like pink.



Slowly a smile appears, then she starts giggling
and laughing and can't stop.
Millie the Monkey, Ellie the Elephant,
Zelda the Zebra,
and Gabby the Giraffe look from one to the other
then at Falcia the Flamingo and start laughing too.

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The friends share all their food
except the pink-turning algae.
The laughter brings an unwelcome visitor
to the edge of the lake,
Annie the Alligator.



She hears all the laughter
and wonders what is going on.
Annie the Alligator
watches from the lake for a
few minutes observing the five friends
enjoying their picnic.

Falcia the Flamingo
is the first to notice
Annie the Alligator peering
at them from the edge of the lake.

Falcia the Flamingo yells,
"Run!!"
Here comes Annie the Alligator."





Find out what happens next
when Annie the Alligator
decides to join the picnic...

