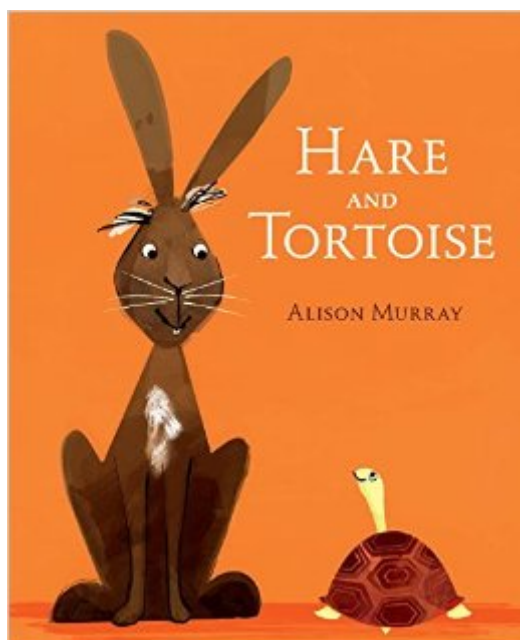


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# Hare And Tortoise



## Synopsis

Alison Murray offers an enchanting retelling of a much-loved Aesop's fable with a mischievous twist. Hare (Lepus swifticus) can barely stay still for a minute. He's the fastest on the farm. Tortoise (Slow and Steadicus) can stay still for a very long time. She has occasionally been mistaken for a rock. So when they decide to have a race, Hare is certain to win . . . isn't he? Through the meadow, around the duck pond, and straight into the carrot field. Carrots? Oh, dear. Whether encountering the classic tale for the first time or tracing the racecourse map to relive it, children will be quick to realize Hare's folly and eager to join the cheering for easygoing, persistent Tortoise. She may be slow, but watch her go!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This picture book is a retelling of the classic Aesop fable. The story is much the same with the added tantalizing feature of a carrot patch to get Hare to slow down and eat and then take a nap. As always, Tortoise simply walks along, not zipping at all. Hare awakens from his nap just that critical second too late and misses winning by a hair. The entire book is wonderfully accessible and readable with humorous touches added like diagrams of both Hare and Tortoise and their advantages and disadvantages. It reads aloud nicely, the pace happily more like Hare than Tortoise throughout. Murray's illustrations are large and will work well when shared with a group. Hare is a bounding and lean while Tortoise is rounded and with a determined set to his jaw. The

illustrations show clearly that Tortoise is behind and the long walk he has to the finish line. While the snoozing Hare has the setting sun behind his full belly after leaving a trail of munched carrots. Clever and jolly, this enduring tale is brightened by a fresh take. Appropriate for ages 3-6.

Summary: Hare, a.k.a. *Leapus swifticus*, and Tortoise (*Slow and steadicus*) will be racing today. A brief intro is given to each race participant: Hare can hardly stand still for his, while Tortoise almost doesn't show up for hers. Then the race is on. The tale is familiar—Hare leaps to the lead while Tortoise plods along far behind until Hare is tempted to eat some carrots and take a nap, certain of his victory. While he snoozes, Tortoise manages to amble across the finish line. Hare can't believe it, but Tortoise is a gracious winner. "Never mind, Hare, you just might win next time." 32 pages; ages 3-7. Pros: Beautiful illustrations provide plenty of action and humor to this fast-paced and funny retelling of Aesop's fable. Con: While "slow and steady" is alluded to, readers will need to infer a great deal to come up with the classic moral to this tale.

Love classic literature for children, and this picture book retells the the loved Hare and Tortoise story in a colorful and amusing way. There are even some fun rhymes within. The watercolor illustrations are engaging and appealing. Children will enjoy seeing the path of the race. Watch out for the lure of those carrots, Hare! I liked the carrot-strewn mess which Hare left with a few bites out of each carrot. Of course, we know who wins. Parents and teachers can explain that fastest isn't always best. Slow and steady can get you to the finish line. At the end you see that hare and tortoise are friends, and will probably race another day. Liked the first place prize put on tortoise shell. This is a fun read aloud for children as young as two through first grade.

Water color paintings are beautiful. Storyline fairly close to original- hare loses bc he stops to eat carrots and nap. Not much emphasis on the moral of the story, but there is a part at the end where turtle is a gracious winner and invites hare to go eat lettuce together.

HARE AND TORTOISE is an updated re-telling of the classic Aesop's fable. It features water color paintings. In this story, hare is the fastest of the animals on and around the farm. However, he loves carrots and never passes one up. Tortoise isn't fast and is often mistaken for a rock, but she is always steady. The story unravels in much the same way and while the race doesn't change, there is a slight twist on the tale at the end.

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