

Title Information Sheet: *Chomp the Chimp Meets Someone New*

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Description:

Chomp the Chimp Meets Someone New (or *The Shy Porcupine*) finds the forest abuzz about a strange, unfamiliar new animal. While everyone wonders what and who the stranger is, Chomp slowly approaches the shy stranger who prefers to keep her distance. Rather than rushing to interact, Chomp watches carefully and allows time to pass before finding a gentle way to say hello.

Rooted in principles of early childhood and developmental psychology, told in gentle rhyme, and paired with soft, expressive illustrations, this fourth installment of *The Adventures of Chomp the Chimp* children's book series unfolds at an unhurried pace that emphasizes respect for boundaries and the gradual development of trust. The book is designed to help young readers/listeners observe social cues as they explore what it means to notice others and respond thoughtfully. With a focus on encouraging openness to others, the book is intended for children ages 3-7 and geared towards classroom use/read-aloud, family shared reading, and bedtime reading.

Bibliographic Information:

Format:	<u>Hardcover picture book</u>	<u>Softcover picture book</u>
Cover Finish:	Gloss	Gloss
Trim Size:	8.5 × 8.5 inches	8.5 × 8.5 inches
Page Count:	30 pages	30 pages
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Illustration by:	Marta Maszkiewicz, M.Arch.	
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Audience:

Grade Level: Pre-K – 2
Age Range: 3 – 7
Intended Use: Read-aloud, classroom sharing, independent browsing, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum support.

Themes & Educational Relevance: Adaptability and flexibility, patience, emotional self-regulation, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), social observation and awareness, empathy and resilience. The book's calm pacing and rhythmic language support thoughtful engagement and provide a "low-stimulation" alternative for sensitive readers.

Series Information: *The Adventures of Chomp the Chimp* is a picture-book series centered on quiet exploration, nature awareness, and emotional self-regulation through gentle, nature-based storytelling.

About the Author: Franco E. Santos, MA, Ed.D. is a U.S. Army Veteran and former professor of Psychology. He holds a master's degree in Psychology and doctoral degree in Education. His work integrates developmental science with traditional storytelling to support early childhood education.