

Lorraine Geiger

was born in Newfoundland, Canada, where she met her husband, Kenneth, a US Navy man. They have spent all of their married life in Florida, where, after leaving her teaching career, she and her husband raised their five children (along with five thousand alligators).

The Geiger family is an "international family" having members who are not only American and Canadian, but also Chinese, Puerto Rican, and even a "little" Cherokee. To date they have 16 grandchildren; inspiration for her books.

Lorraine is an accomplished poet and is the published author of two Children's books, *Trouble at the Blueberry Patch* and *A Wild and Woolly Night*. She and her husband travel extensively in the US, Canada, Europe, and Asia, both on business and pleasure. Each year they leave their permanent residence in Florida to spend the summer in NW Pennsylvania, and then on to their lakeside cottage in Newfoundland to experience the joys of moose-spotting, wild blueberry picking, and handing out peanuts to a demanding squirrel named Snappy.

Nathaniel P. Jensen

has illustrated a number of books that teach about desert critters. He also has painted gigantic murals, animated for feature films and TV, created unique forms of fine art and illustrated for national and international clientele. Of all the art forms Jensen juggles, he enjoys illustrating for children the most. Visit him online at www.natesbookspace.com



Looking at the World From A Different Angle Worm

I once knew a worm
Who lived under a rock.
He was as happy
As a toe in a sock.

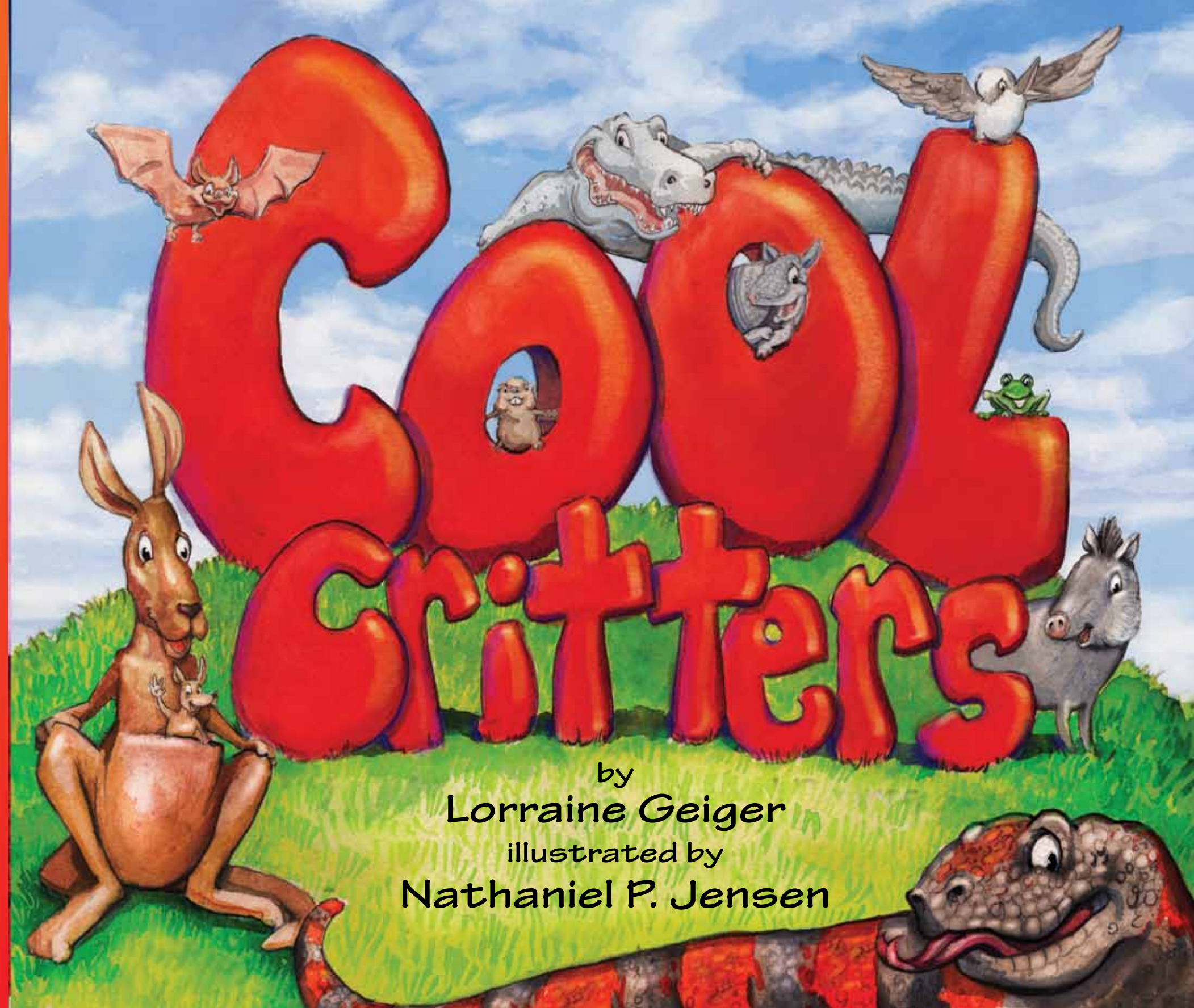
I cut him in two
And put him right back.
He was twice as happy
After that.



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Cool Critters and Other Funny Animal Poems

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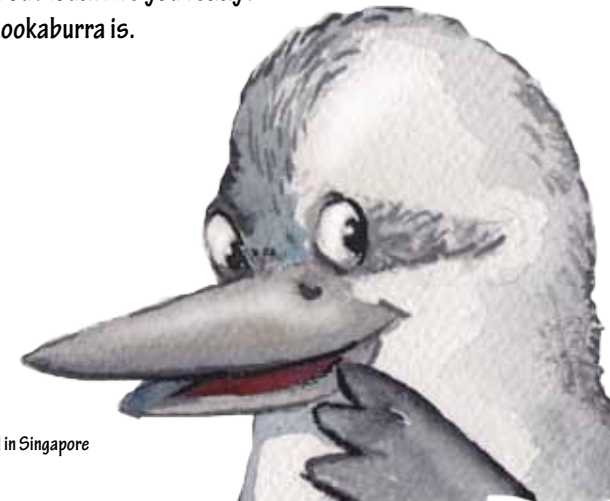
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Have you ever tried rubbing the skin of a messy, icky, scummy, sticky, grimy, slimy, slug? All you would need to do is find a terrestrial gastropod mollusk. They're everywhere, you know. You'll even find one inside this book --- along with creatures that can go for six months without eating, and clobbering, kicking kangaroos that kick at gates. Then there are those maddening, menacing termites that wreck your roof till there's no proof that it was ever there. You'll not only learn how these animals behave, but also where they live, what they eat, what they look like, and whether they have ten eyes, or four pairs of legs, or scaly, bead-like skin. You'll learn whether they live in caves, or crevices, on smeary rock shelves, or under the eaves of your house.

The creatures in this book tell you personally of their habits and habitat, what they like and don't like, whether they're hairy, or slimy, or fuzzy, or grimy. One critter will even tell you that he is so very repugnant that he even disgusts himself, while another takes great delight in swimming across your eye.

At the end of the book, you'll find interesting questions. You'll find some of the answers in the pages of this book, but for others, you might want to go to your school library or search the internet.

The poems in *Cool Critters* will make you laugh out loud. Are you ready?
The kookaburra is.



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