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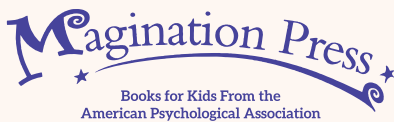
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For Audrey, who told me so many wonderful stories—AP



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**PEACOCK** was the only peacock in  
the whole zoo, and he liked it that way.





When he unfurled  
his feathers, the visitors  
**OOOOHED**  
and **AAAHED.**

They took endless photos.

And boy, did Peacock know  
how to pose.

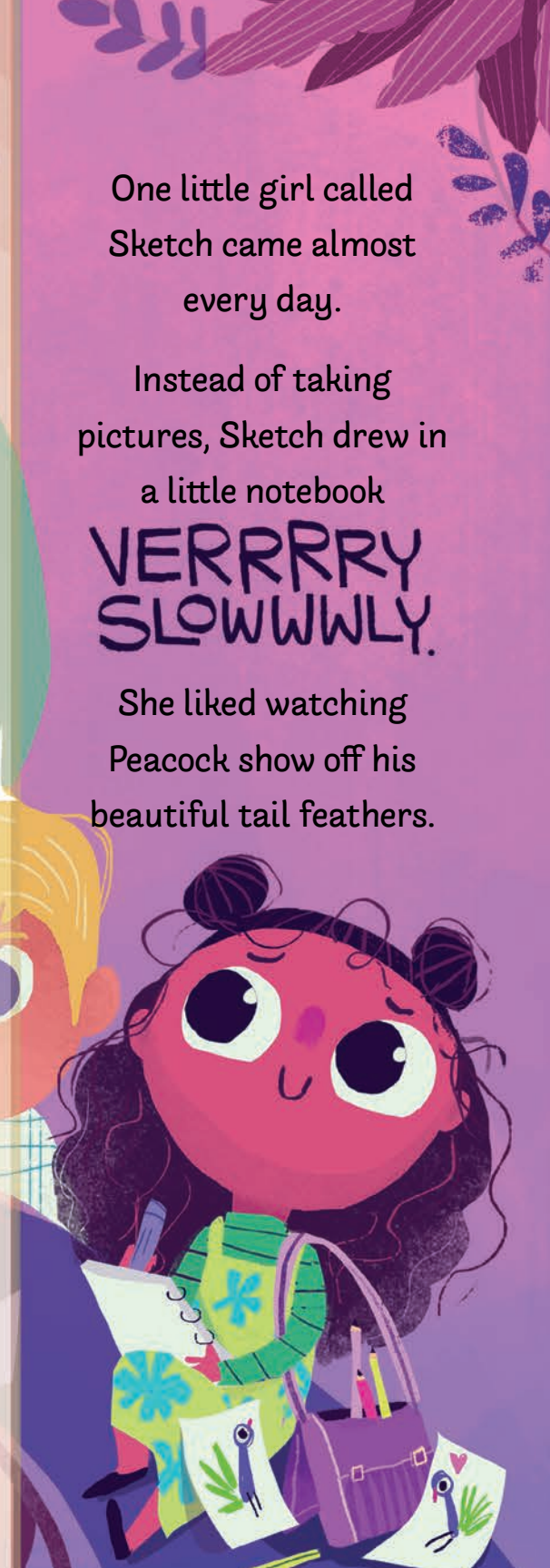


One little girl called  
Sketch came almost  
every day.

Instead of taking  
pictures, Sketch drew in  
a little notebook

**VERRRRY  
SLOWWLY.**

She liked watching  
Peacock show off his  
beautiful tail feathers.



But on quiet days, he was bored and lonely  
sitting in his pen, all by himself.

On those days, she would just tell him  
stories in a soft voice.



**NOBODY** had ever done that before.



But Peacock wanted more.

He wanted to be

# FAMOUS



It was time to get out of the zoo  
and into the REAL world.

One day a school bus full of children arrived.  
It was Sketch's class!

This was Peacock's **BIG** chance.

