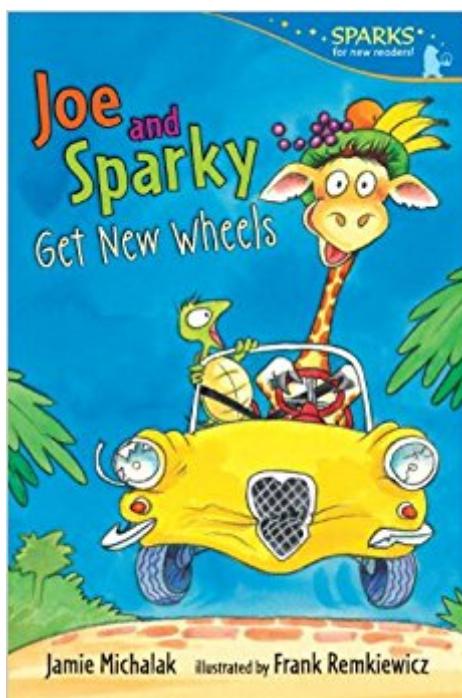


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# Joe And Sparky Get New Wheels: Candlewick Sparks



## **Synopsis**

An adventurous giraffe drives off with his friend, a cautious turtle, to see the world in an endearing comedy of errors perfect for early readers. Sparky is a turtle who likes to stay inside his shell. Joe is a giraffe who likes to stretch his neck and see the world. When a car appears one day at the famous cageless zoo where they live, the two set off on the ride of their lives, with Joe behind the wheel and Sparky hanging on for dear life. From the shopping mall to the car wash to the take-out burger joint, Joe and Sparky cause mayhem everywhere they go. Young readers will love sharing the road with this unlikely pair in a string of adventures that are by turns innocent, charming, and laugh-out-loud funny.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

Jamie Michalak is a children's book editor and writer. She lives in Barrington, Rhode Island, with her husband and two sons. She does not have super driving skills. Frank Remkiewicz has illustrated many books for children, including the PIGGY AND DAD Brand New Readers and PIGGY AND DAD GO FISHING. He lives on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

It's a great book, I like it.. I bought it for my grandson who is just starting to read and he likes it. Joe

and Sparky are characters that are funny and the adventures they get into can get them in trouble. The book can be seen as a sitcom only in print form and age appropriate.

Bought this for my 5yr old and he loves reading this (and other Joe and Sparky books).

Highly recommend this book it's great introduction for chapter book since it has a lot of words on the page and has great illustrations. It's a little challenging for my five year old but exactly what she needs since she is getting too comfortable reading picture books.

7 y/o loves these chapter books. She likes that the pictures are in color - something rare among chapter books we have found. Wish there were more titles with these characters.

My second grade struggling readers enjoy this series a great deal.

My seven year old son and I read this together. It was a fun read aloud with great illustrations! Definitely recommend.

Joe and Sparky are unlikely friends. Not only is Joe a giraffe while Sparky is a turtle, but Joe loves to stretch his neck and see the world while Sparky likes to hibernate in his shell on a warm rock. When Joe sees a shiny yellow convertible sports car pull up at the zoo gate, he's convinced it's his prize from a contest he entered. With a little nudging, Joe riles up Sparky and together they zoom off for a day of wild adventures. Their differences are vast but their friendship is as tight as the glue that holds the fruit on Joe's new hat. As they explore a store downtown, a drive-thru restaurant where they order flies but receive fries, a car wash and more, the reader will fall in love with this quirky duo. And by the end, I bet you'll be begging for a pet giraffe. Jamie Michalak has created a timeless book about friendship with just enough laughs to keep kids begging to read it over and over again. Frank Remkiewics's illustrations are bright and fun, allowing us to feel as if we're there with Joe and Sparky on that perfect blue-skied day.--Reviewed by Kerry O'Malley Cerra

Joe (a giraffe) is the adventurous leader, Sparky (a turtle) would rather sit on his rock in the pond. But Sparky being a good friend, follows along, rather reluctantly, as Joe finds ways to spice up their humdrum existence. The writing is clear and easy to follow and the illustrations are bright and cheerful. The plot lines are appealing, involving a day outside the zoo in a car and the followup (Joe

and Sparky, Superstars!) involves discovering one's talents. Character-wise, Joe's enthusiasm and Sparky's love of home make for a pair of endearing characters. Highly recommended as a read-a-loud or for early readers.

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