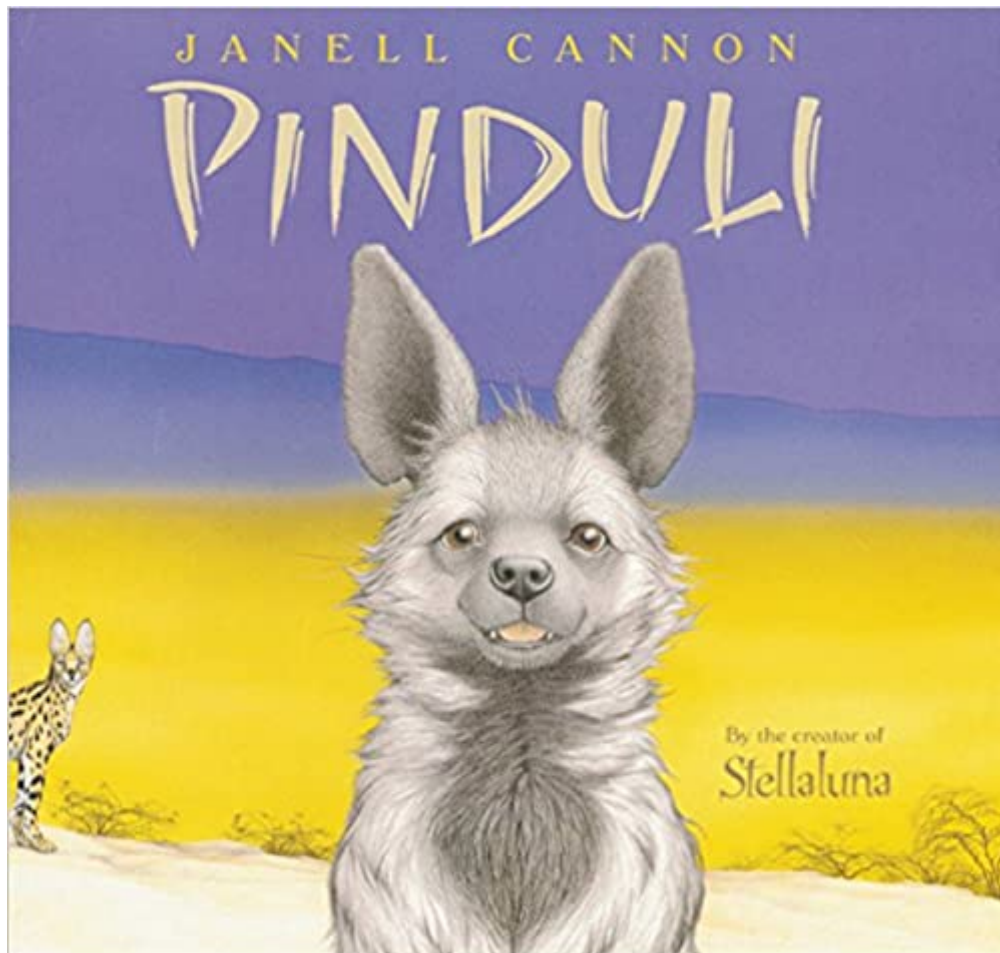




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Pinduli (ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Awards)



Synopsis

Pinduli's mama has always told her that she's the most beautiful hyena ever. But Dog, Lion, and Zebra don't think so. Why else would they make her feel so rotten about her big ears, her fuzzy mane, and her wiggly stripes? Poor Pinduli just wants to disappear--and she tries everything she can think of to make that happen. Yet nothing goes her way. Nothing, that is, until a case of mistaken identity lets her show the creatures of the African savanna how a few tiny words--bad or good--can create something enormous. Janell Cannon, the creator of the bestselling *Stellaluna*, introduces yet another endearing character in this triumphant story about self-image, self-acceptance, and treating others with respect. Includes notes about hyenas and other animals of the African savanna.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3 After sleeping through the hot East African afternoon, it is time for Mama Hyena and her child to go hunting. Pinduli promises to stay close by, but then trots off. She comes across a pack of wild dogs, a lion, and a zebra, and all tease her about her looks. She rolls in the dirt until her striped coat is a pallid gray and her ears are pinned back. The animals think that she is a "ghost" that has come for them. All of the creatures then confess that they teased the young

hyena because another animal had made fun of them. The "ghost" understands and advises them to "find your tormentors and make peace." And always leave a bit of every meal as an offering." By story's end, the animals have reconciled, and with all the food offerings left, Pinduli and her mother never have to scrounge around looking for meals. The animals' expressions and antics are hilarious and endearing; Cannon has pulled off quite a feat in creating a cuddly hyena protagonist. This touching book about personal growth and self-acceptance gently demonstrates how the actions of one can have far-reaching effects on many others. An appealing and worthwhile purchase.

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Gr. 1-3. Cannon, best known as the author/illustrator of *Stellaluna* (1993), here introduces Pinduli, a little hyena who lives in East Africa. One afternoon, Pinduli encounters a pack of wild dogs that make fun of her ears, a bald lion that calls her fur a "prickly fringe," and a zebra that criticizes the haziness of her stripes. After transforming her "flaws" as best she can, Pinduli inadvertently tricks these animals into thinking that she is the "Great Spirit." They confess their misdeeds and agree to make amends. Children will find Pinduli's hurt feelings understandable and her quick thinking admirable. The artwork, executed in colored pencils and acrylics, uses a restrained palette in the large pictures depicting the main story on the right-hand pages. On the left, below the text, a series of small ink drawings create a visual counterpoint by showing what Pinduli's mother is doing while events unfold. A four-page endnote discusses the various species of hyenas and their characteristics. Though a bit purposeful, the story may give teachers and parents a starting point for discussing insults. Carolyn Phelan

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This was such a great story. My daughter and I enjoyed it very much. The story also teaches kids that when someone is being mean it is usually because they are unhappy or someone is being mean to them as well. I love all of Janell Cannon's books and she is very lovely in person.

I had read *Stellaluna* to my second grade students for years. I passed the book on to my nephew and he loved it. Next I got him *Verdi* and he was enthralled. This is the third book by Janell Cannon and it is just as great as the others. I like how she takes an animal that is not as popular as a cute puppy or sweet fawn and makes it into a well loved character. Nice lessons about respecting others also.

This story touches on many different life lessons such as encouraging self esteem and offering ideas into why a bully might bully. It offers opportunity into discussing different emotions and trying to better understand others point of view to better navigate different situations.

I was looking for a series of books for my daughter, who is 11 and in special ed. I was looking for books which would highlight animals - which she adores - and teach her something at the same time. As we had read "Stellaluna", by the same author, we looked forward to receiving this book with great anticipation, and were not disappointed. The author cleverly weaves the sympathetic story of Pinduli, a young hyena who is picked on, with a moral lesson as well. Also, we learned of different habitats and creatures. Now Pinduli is one her favorite books! We have ordered more books by this author, including "Little Yau", and have never been disappointed. The combination of the beautiful art and writing makes it easy for the reader to connect with the characters in this book.

Gift for grandson's Birthday. Packed well. Wonderful story.

I teach elementary life skills. My students are intellectually disabled so extensive modifications to the grade-level curriculum are essential. Janell Cannon books help me integrate science with reading. My students love these books. Keep them coming Janell!

This book can teach your child about differences and having that be ok, because we can't all be the same and accepting who you are and not letting it bother you what other people think of you.

Nice book, baby shower gift.

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