BOOK TITLE: Welcome to the Zoo
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: This is a wordless picture book. It takes the reader through a journey of colorful pages filled with various animals and the visitors to the zoo. At the back of the book, there are seek-and-find games for children to play.

*BEFORE READING (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

1. Talk with your child about the cover of the book. What do you think this book will be about?
2. Who or what lives in a zoo?
3. What’s your favorite animal? Where does it live?

DURING READING:

1. “Can you find ... (name an animal)?”
2. What are the animals doing ... and which things are possible and which imaginary?
3. In the front of the book is a map of the zoo. As you turn pages, try going back to see where you are on the map.
4. What are the people doing? Can you tell which ones work at the zoo and which are just visiting? Can you follow them from page to page?

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

1. What animals might be found in an Alaska zoo? Can you visit a zoo?
2. Have your child draw his favorite zoo animal.
3. Identifying some of the animals in the book may require further research. Whether you do that at the library, with an encyclopedia, or on the Internet; include your child in the “search.”

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