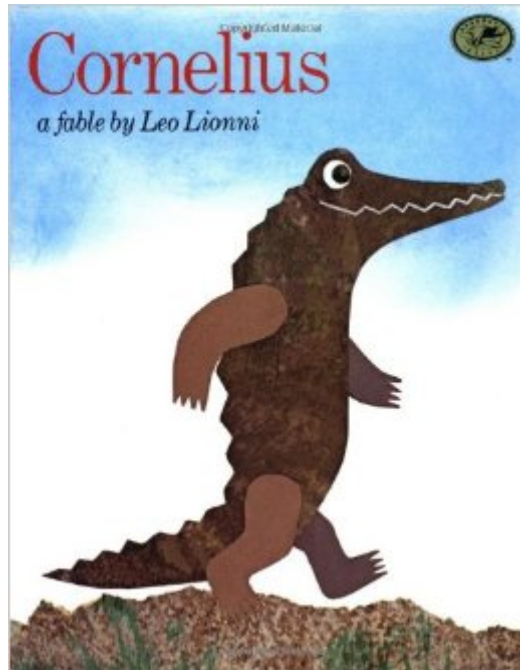


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# Cornelius (Dragonfly Books)



## Synopsis

Unlike other crocodiles, Cornelius walks upright, sees things, and does tricks no other crocodile can. His friends aren't impressed. "So what?" they say when he demonstrates standing on his head or hanging from his tail. At first, Cornelius is disappointed, but things aren't always what they seem, and life on the riverbeach is about to undergo some big changes. Children will draw inspiration from this tale of a crocodile who marches to his own drummer.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

A wonderful book to share with students preschool to 3rd grade. This book shares the insight of a different approach to life as a crocodile, and that being unique is O.K. and fun. A great story for all classrooms, especially classrooms with diverse cultures.

This is a shorter, much simplified version of the original story that was published by Pantheon books in 1983. I'm not sure what the point was in making a simplified version, since the complete story of Cornelius was my son's favorite when he was 3 years old. I'd skip this version and go with the original.

Leo Lionni is great. This is a wonderful story. Just wish the book, itself, seemed to be constructed of a better quality. Wish it were also a larger book. Would have been willing to pay more for more.

Leo Lionni books are classics and I am sad that I only recently found them. All of his books inspire the imagination of children and get them thinking about moral, or difficult issues (sometimes without them even knowing it).

Maybe I'm missing something: I was very excited to get this book. But when we read it the first time, i was very disappointed! Yes, Cornelius does go off and do his own thing but why does he care so much that the others appreciate what he does AND then why does the story end with the others trying to copy him? Doesn't that counter the story- that he does his own thing for the value of individuality and is fulfilled by doing it, without always having to have reinforcement from others? And that the other crocs don't have to copy him and lose their own individuality? I haven't wanted to read this again for my daughter after the first go round.

Bought this book to have on hand as a companion to the Scholastic DVD version of the book. I wanted the grandchildren to have the book to read after they saw the DVD. I love Leo Lionni books.

My 5 year old just lives this sweet story! Great images and really cute story. She lives the fact it he comes out of an egg and is trying to be different.

As always, lovely illustrations from Leo Lionni, and the story had everyone laughing- instant favorite among my 5 and 6 year old kids.

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