

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The bustle of the crowd is waning and the zoo is quieting for the night. The polar bear picks up the ball and dribbles onto the court; the nightly game begins. A frog jumps up to play one-on-one and then a penguin waddles in to join the team. Count along as the game grows with the addition of each new animal and the field of players builds to ten. Three zebras serve as referees and keep the clock, because this game must be over before the zookeeper makes her rounds.

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### CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

#### For Creative Minds

After dribbling up and down the courts, learn more basketball lingo with activities in the book's For Creative Minds Section, topics include:

- Ten in the Game
- STEM Activity: Build a Basketball Hoop
- Make it Count

The learning doesn't end in the For Creative Minds section; an extensive teaching activities guide is also available on Arbordalepublishing.com.

At the final whistle, you can count on these facts being correct. This book has been vetted by Bambi Godkin, education manager of the Mill Mountain Zoo, and sportscaster Derrick Pearson.

### Classification Information

Midnight Madness at the Zoo will appeal to kids of any age; however, young readers may be guided to the book based on the following reading level assessment:

- Accelerated Reader: TBD
- Lexile: 510
- Fountas and Pinnell: M

#### Bisac Codes include:

- JUV009030 Concepts / Counting & Numbers
- JUV032020 Sports & Recreation / Basketball
- JUV002000 Animals / General

For educators, Arbordale has aligned this book to Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core and all individual state standards. This information is free and available on the book home page, too!



# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Author Sherryn Craig says that writing is like exercise—it's important to stretch the creative muscles daily. A family love for basketball combined with a trip to their local zoo provided the inspiration for her debut picture book, *Midnight Madness at the Zoo*. Sherryn lives in Virginia with her husband and two children. Visit her website at sherryncraig.com.

## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Award-winning illustrator Karen Jones began her career as a storyboard artist and editorial illustrator but it wasn't until she had children of her own that she discovered her true artistic passion: children's illustration. In addition to *Midnight Madness at the Zoo*, Karen has illustrated *One Odd Day, My Even Day* and *My Half Day* for Arbordale. She has also written and illustrated *ABC Safari*. Karen and her family live outside of Raleigh, NC. Karen's children join her on many research trips to museums, zoos and aquariums—a tough job, but someone has to do it! Visit Karen's website at karenjonesillustration.com.





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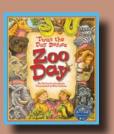




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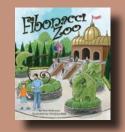
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