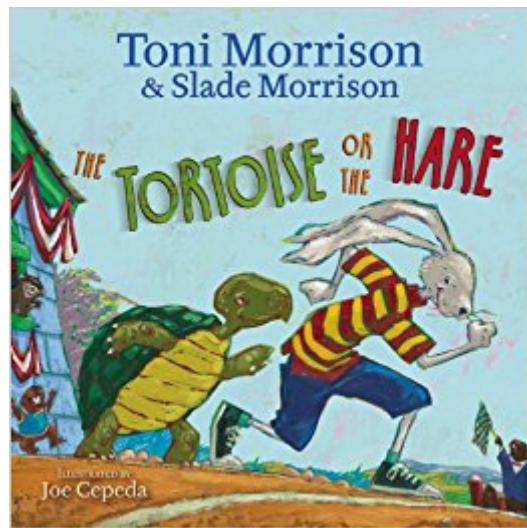


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# The Tortoise Or The Hare



## Synopsis

Nobel Prize recipient Toni Morrison and Slade Morrison breathe new life into a classic Aesop's fable. In the well-known tale of "The Tortoise and the Hare," everyone remembers that "slow and steady wins the race" or does it? In this energetic retelling of a favorite fable, it's the speedy Hare who crosses the finish line first, but it's Tortoise who has the tale to tell when he discovers that the race, not the winning, is what matters most. While winning is important, isn't making a true friend the best prize of all?

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-3 Jimi Hare is fast and Jamey Tortoise is smart. Everyone avoids them, calls them names, and demeans their talents as tricks. When Jimi and Jamey sign up for a race, one practices while the other plans. The tortoise is told that reversals, such as the winner who loses, make the most satisfying newspaper story. The hare hears that the largest crowd gets more attention than the loudest cheers. On the day of the race, the tortoise travels on bus, train, and plane, while the hare dances, runs, and invents new stunts to draw the crowd. Though Jimi Hare crosses the finish line first, all who know Aesop's fable understand the headline "WINNER LOSES! LOSER WINS!" Giving a new twist to an old tale, these two lonely and talented characters

eventually become friends. Any reading of this tale will depend on knowledge of Aesop's fable. Illustrations are rendered in oil paints showing bright animated characters against textured backgrounds. Occasional rhymes (Ã¢â€”“Because he always won, they said he was no funÃ¢â€”“) enliven the text. This contemporary retelling should spark interesting discussions. Mary Jean Smith, Southside Elementary School, Lebanon, TN Â© Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

The mother-son team here delivers another Aesop update, grappling with the loaded subjects of winning, losing, and getting good press coverage. Jimi the Hare is introduced as the fastest creature around and Jamey the Tortoise as the smartest. Everyone avoids them, calling them Ã¢â€”“show-off,Ã¢â€”“stuck-up,Ã¢â€”“and Ã¢â€”“stupid know-it-all,Ã¢â€”“ but CepedaÃ¢â€”“s exuberant, unfussy paintings feature the two animals as content loners. When a race is announced in the newspaper, though, they both sign up, get ready, and contact the paper, offering to give interviews. On race day, Jimi entertains the crowd with acrobatic stunts, while Jamey gets on a bus, a train, a boat, and a plane. Even with that help, Jimi Hare still wins. The paperÃ¢â€”“s next-day headline reads Ã¢â€”“Winner Loses! Loser Wins!Ã¢â€”“ because the reporter was expecting the outcome of the original Aesop fable. Fun stuff, though the feel-good endingÃ¢â€”“ Jimi and Jamey hold hands above text that reads, Ã¢â€”“ItÃ¢â€”“s not who wins. ItÃ¢â€”“s when the runners become good friendsÃ¢â€”“Ã¢â€”“ seems a bit tacked on. When did they have a chance to bond? Preschool-Grade 2. --Abby Nolan --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

This book was perfect for a basket that I made for a baby shower. The illustrations are great and the book is in wonderful shape. Hope my new nephew loves it!

I love Toni Morrison and love the story of the tortoise and the hare. Toni Morrison's take on this brought incredible pleasure to my 3 year old niece who chose it for story time 2 weeks in a row. It's jazzy and rhythmic and the moral is still there though with an interesting twist. The illustrations are very fun and seem to be alive, so much so one of my favorite little girls acts them out.

This book is terrible. They have the tortoise and the hare tie in the end??? How can you teach a life lesson to your children about being patience and prescience when the one fable that teaches that

has been rewritten into a tie.

Love Toni Morrison...master story telling!

I searched for the Tortoise AND the hare and this title came up - totally missed the slip-in "...OR the hare" This is heading back your way and it is mighty daring to mess with a story like this.

The illustrations are lovely, and the story starts off well- both Tortoise and Hare are misunderstood for being different- too smart and too quick. However the story doesn't go anywhere with this set up, and the ending falls flat- it's unclear why the Tortoise took his circuitous route, why the Hare won, and most importantly, why the story ends by declaring that the "it's not who wins, it's when the runners become good friends." As the previous reviewer pointed out, the Tortoise and Hare are not shown interacting until that last page, so how they become good friends is a mystery to me. I would not recommend this version.

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