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For my muse, who keeps me from getting too serious. And to Sue -- for seriously everything! J.P.

For Florence D.R.



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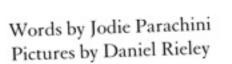
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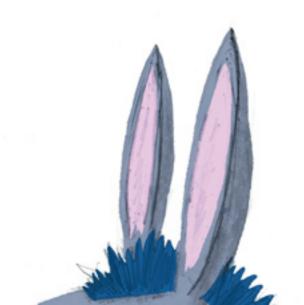
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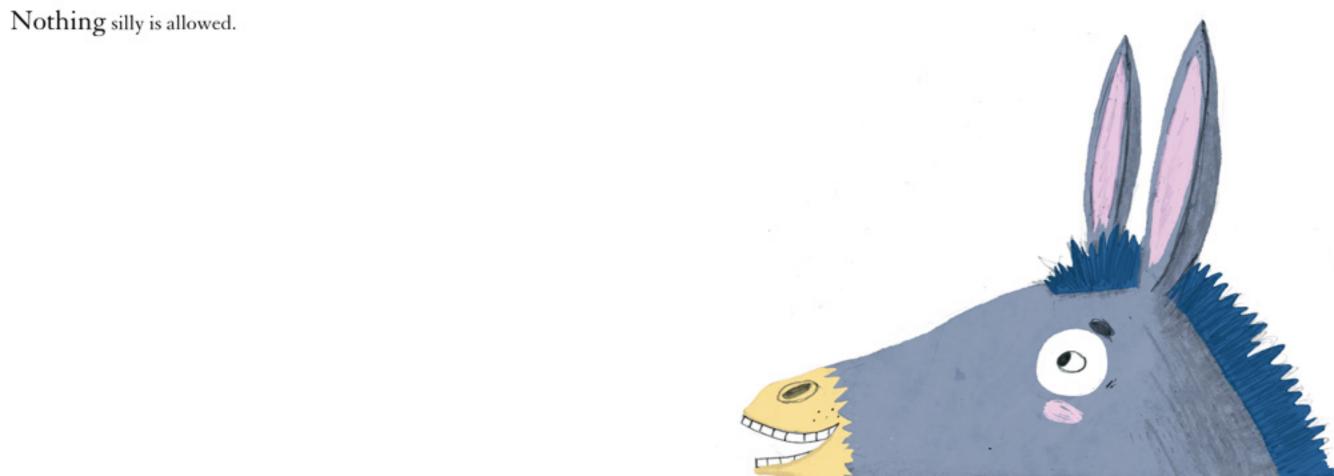




This is a serious book.

Everything in this book is thoughtful, proper, respectable and, of course, very, very serious.





Here is a list of things not allowed in a serious book:



funny faces,



dressing up,



backflips,



jumping up and down.

And definitely no bottom parps.



Excuse me - this means you. Shhh!