

For Annie and Darcey, who love stories – P.B.

For my good friends, the Smellies. May we never
skedaddle from each other! – L.S.



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SKUNK! SKEDADDLE!



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Sally the skunk lived alone in the wood.
She thought to herself,
“A few friends would be good.”



There are nice friendly folk in the city, they say.
I know! I'll go on a trip there today.”



She went to the bus stop
and hopped on a bus.
But the passengers all
made a heck of a fuss.

“Skedaddle! Skedaddle!” they cried in a funk.



“We don’t want to ride on a bus with a skunk!”



Then, at the station, it happened once more.
The folks cried, “Skedaddle!” and ran for the door.



She went to a café and ordered a juice.

“A skunk!” wailed the
people. “Skedaddle!
Yamoose!”



In the library, folks gave her
horrified looks, whispered, “Skedaddle!”
and fled from their books.

Whenever she cheerfully smiled and said, “Hi!”
“Skedaddle! A skunk!” was the only reply.