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Illus. in full color. "Kangaroo child Norma Jean loves to jump. The problem is that her jumping gets out of hand, causing accidents and some ruffled feelings among her friends, and Norma stops her jumping entirely. But when the school's field-day games come up, Norma Jean is coaxed back into action long enough to win ribbons. Light, popular fare for beginning readers."--*Booklist*.

## Norma Jean, Jumping Bean Details

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# **From Reader Review Norma Jean, Jumping Bean for online ebook**

## **Tyler Caudill says**

I read this book at least 100 times when I was 4 or 5. I loved it..it teaches kids there is a time and place for what fun things you love to do, but don't let that get in the way of the responsible things you need to do in life.

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## **Rachel says**

I liked it. ???

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## **Molly says**

I loved this book growing up. It was a cute story, with cute pictures.

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## **Courtney Hendrix says**

Norma Jean is a kangaroo who loves to jump. She jumps so much she upsets her friends. So, she decides not to jump which makes her very sad. Her friends soon notice that she is not the same Norma Jean when she walks through the puddle instead of jumping over it. On the classes field day, her friends convince her that they wanted to old Norma Jean back just in time for her to win several ribbons for the day.

This book has several lessons. First, there is a time and place for everything. Norma Jean had to learn there was a time and place for jumping. Second, is individuality and while everyone is different you have to learn to accept that everyone has different talents and Norma Jeans was jumping.

This is a great book for early elementary students who are learning to read. It doesn't have many words on the page and is easy to read.

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## **Peggy says**

Norma Jean has been a favorite in our house for several years - first with my oldest son and now with my youngest. This is a beginning reader book, but is an excellent picture book in it's own right. I believe it deserves classic status right along with Frog and Toad and Little Bear!

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## **Emma Daugherty says**

This book is great for younger readers and provides many great lessons. Children probably can enjoy and learn about diversity through all of the different animals. The story is very sweet and gives the lesson that there is a time and a place for excitement and for staying calm. This is a story I definitely would encourage young readers to read and master.

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### **Randie D. Camp, M.S. says**

Norma Jean loves jumping but sometimes her friends do not. Norma Jean learns that she can be a jumping bean without upsetting her friends. Nice book for promoting individuality.

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### **Shannon says**

Never has there ever been such an accurate book depicting me and my life.

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### **Sarah says**

Lesson: there is a time and place for things

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### **Hope Johnson says**

This is a cute easy book for a student who is beginning to read. It teaches a lesson that there is a time and a place for your actions and the time and place is not always at school. It would be a great book for a guided reading book to talk about using quotations in writing.

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### **jacky says**

This book was a gift to me. Its an early reader about a hyper little girl kangaroo. The name of the story has stayed with me because its cute, but I don't remember the plot and I don't think it was meant to tell me to be more calm as a kid either.

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### **Em Mirra says**

This book follows the story of a lively kangaroo named Norma Jean who enjoys jumping any time she can. However, Norma Jean's consistent jumping gets her in trouble at school and with her friends, because she doesn't know when are appropriate times to jump (sitting in class, playing on the seesaw, etc). Throughout

the book, Norma Jean learns how to be respectful of her friends, teacher, and herself by controlling her jumping.

Ages: Early readers (Kindergarten to 3rd grade)

Rated 4 out of 5 stars for:

- Beautiful illustrations (wonderful use of watercolor painting with subtle colors and bold outlines)
  - Great use of legible serif typography and layout
  - Charming character who develops throughout the story by learning to think of others
  - Story line is evenly paced and interesting
  - Important themes of respecting others around you, controlling impulses, and being true to yourself
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### **Paula says**

Norma Jean, whose love of jumping might be a bit excessive, stops her favorite activity after her friends complain, but participation in the school Olympics proves there is a time and place for jumping.

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### **Hannah Groeschen says**

Growing up, I always felt a strong connection to Norma Jean because I was always outgoing as a child.

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### **Candice Snow says**

I used to read this book so much when I was little that now the spine is nothing but a strip of tape.

The story follows a kangaroo named Norma Jean, who (naturally) loves to jump. However, she finds out the hard way that there is an appropriate time and place for everything.

It is a great story for kids to learn that their rambunctiousness can be best utilized by focusing it on their passions.

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