



**Tulika-at-Home!**

Have you seen a **TAIL** at all?

Round, fluffy, long or small?

Some stand up, some will wag

Some just simply fall and drag

Some are pokey, some may smell

Do you have a T-A-I-L?



In this book, **TAIL** by Deepa Balsavar,  
Thumb Thumb Thambi meets many animals and birds  
with different kinds of tails!



Better still – Thambi has a tail of his own!

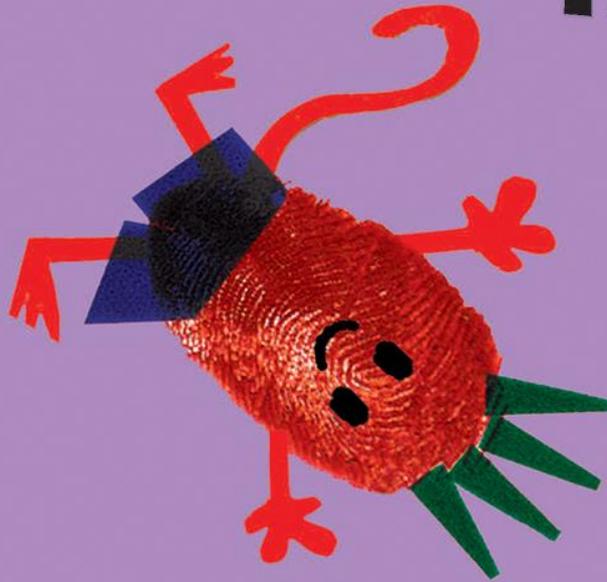
Let's find out all the things you can do with a tail.



**READ ALONE, READ ALOUD, READ TOGETHER...**



**TAIL**





THUMB THUMB BOOKS is a unique reading series created around the commonplace thumbprint. Words and pictures tell simple stories, sometimes with unexpected twists, featuring Thumb Thumb Thambi and Thumb Thumb Thangi and their world of thumbprints.

The books use words from a child's rich and spontaneous spoken vocabulary rather than from the formal, graded one. Short sentences, bold type and vibrant pictures make reading effortless and enchanting. At the end of the story, children are encouraged to make drawings using their own thumbprints and feel at home in the pages of the book. Every book carries on the last page the line, 'I can read this book.' Each time a child reads this out aloud, it affirms the young reader's place in the world of books.

Thumb Thumb Books offer a dynamic creative space in which to learn to read.



**This is a Thumb Thumb Thambi Book**

*Available in English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Gujarati and Bangla*





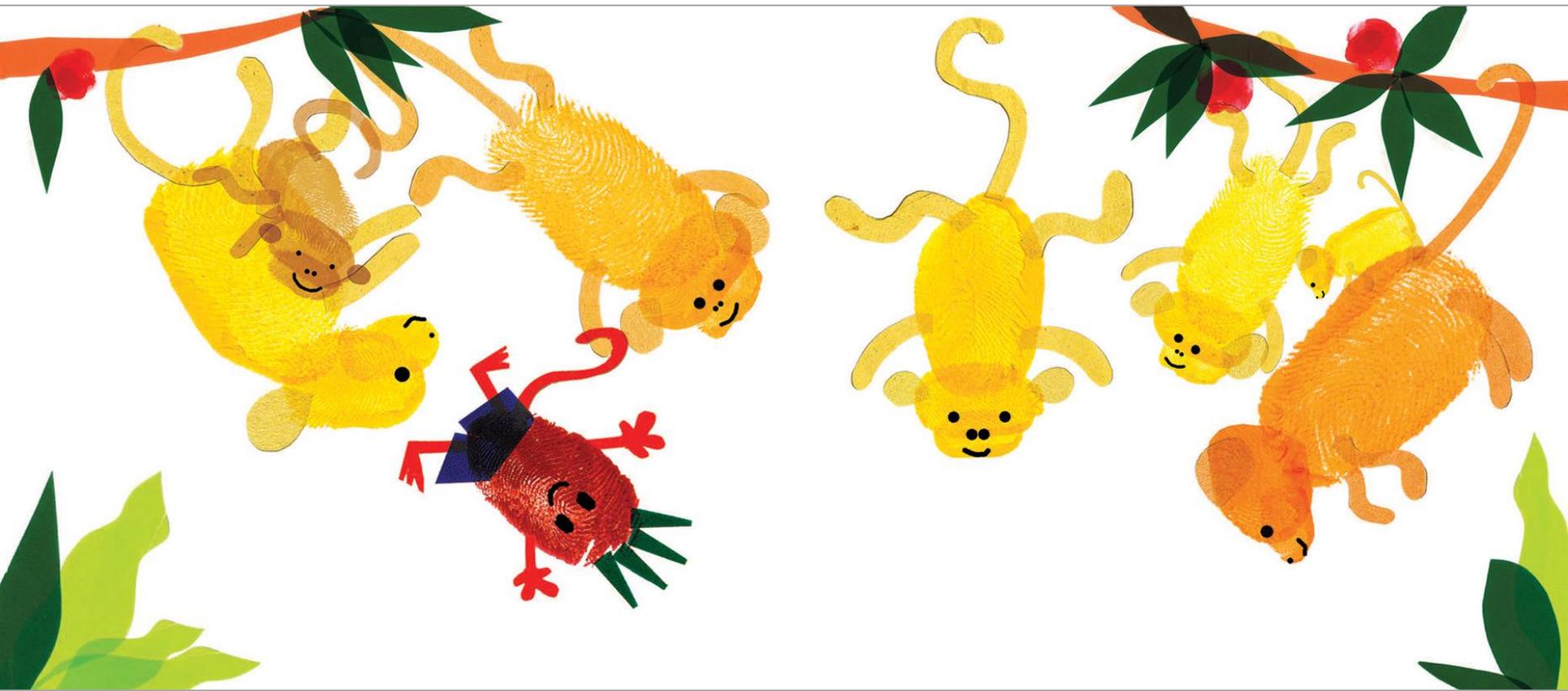
If Thumb Thumb Thambi had a tail...



He would wag it to show he is happy.



He would swish it to keep flies away.



He would swing from tree to tree.



He would even swim to the bottom of the sea.



If Thumb Thumb Thambi had a tail, surely he would fly!



I CAN READ THIS BOOK!

Wasn't that fun? Did you take a close look at all the pictures?

How many animals and birds did Thambi meet?

What sounds did the tails make?

Were all the fish blue in colour?



Who chased away the flies?

(Pssst... you can always go back and double check!)

Get set for a quick quiz

Can you guess the animal or bird just by looking at its tail?



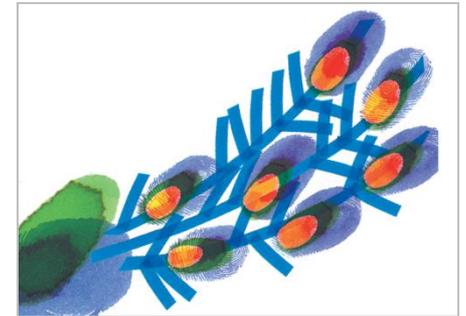
Here are the answers!



Monkey

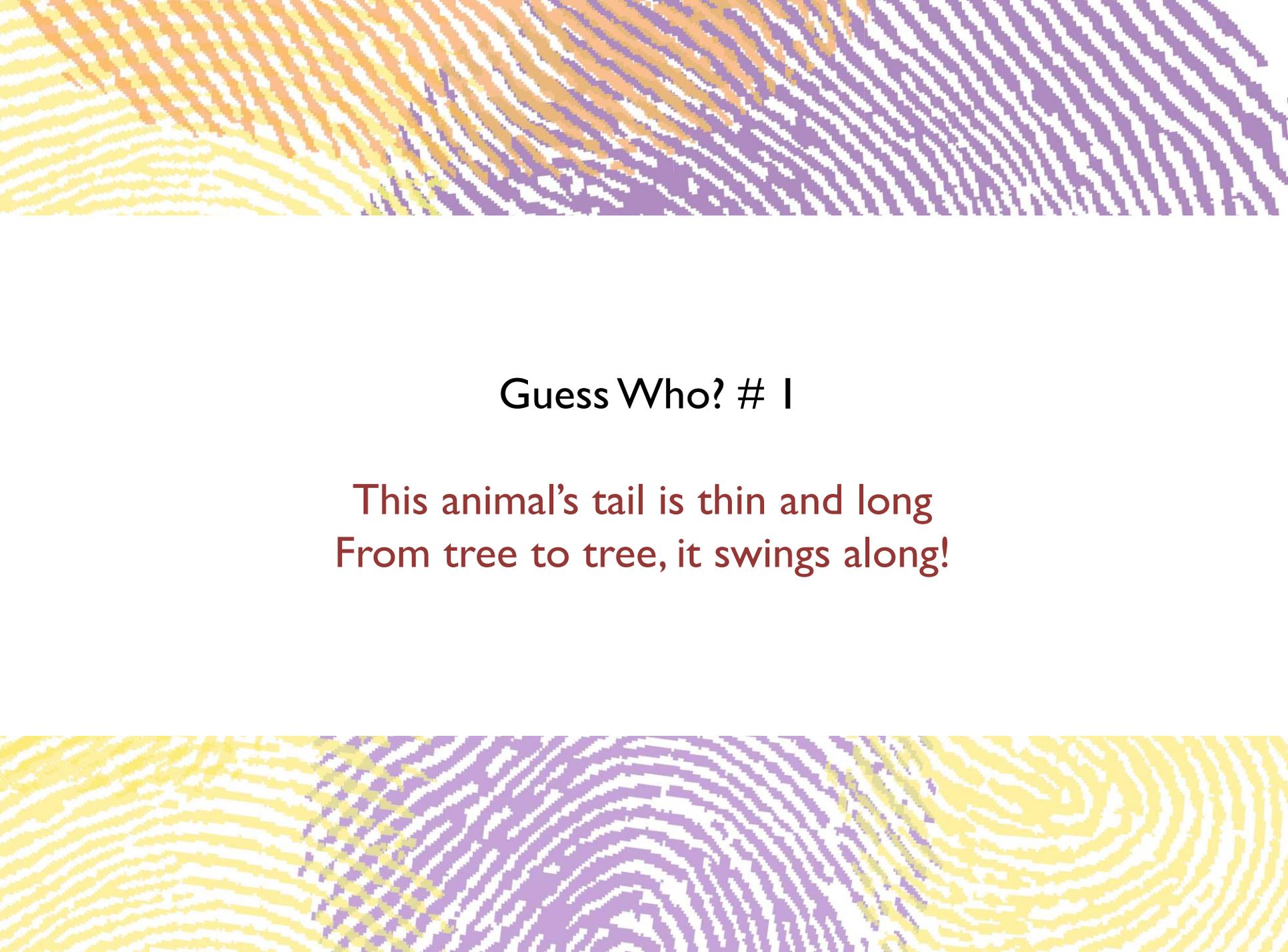


Fish



Peacock

Got them right? Excellent! On to the next task.



## Guess Who? # 1

This animal's tail is thin and long  
From tree to tree, it swings along!

**Monkey!**



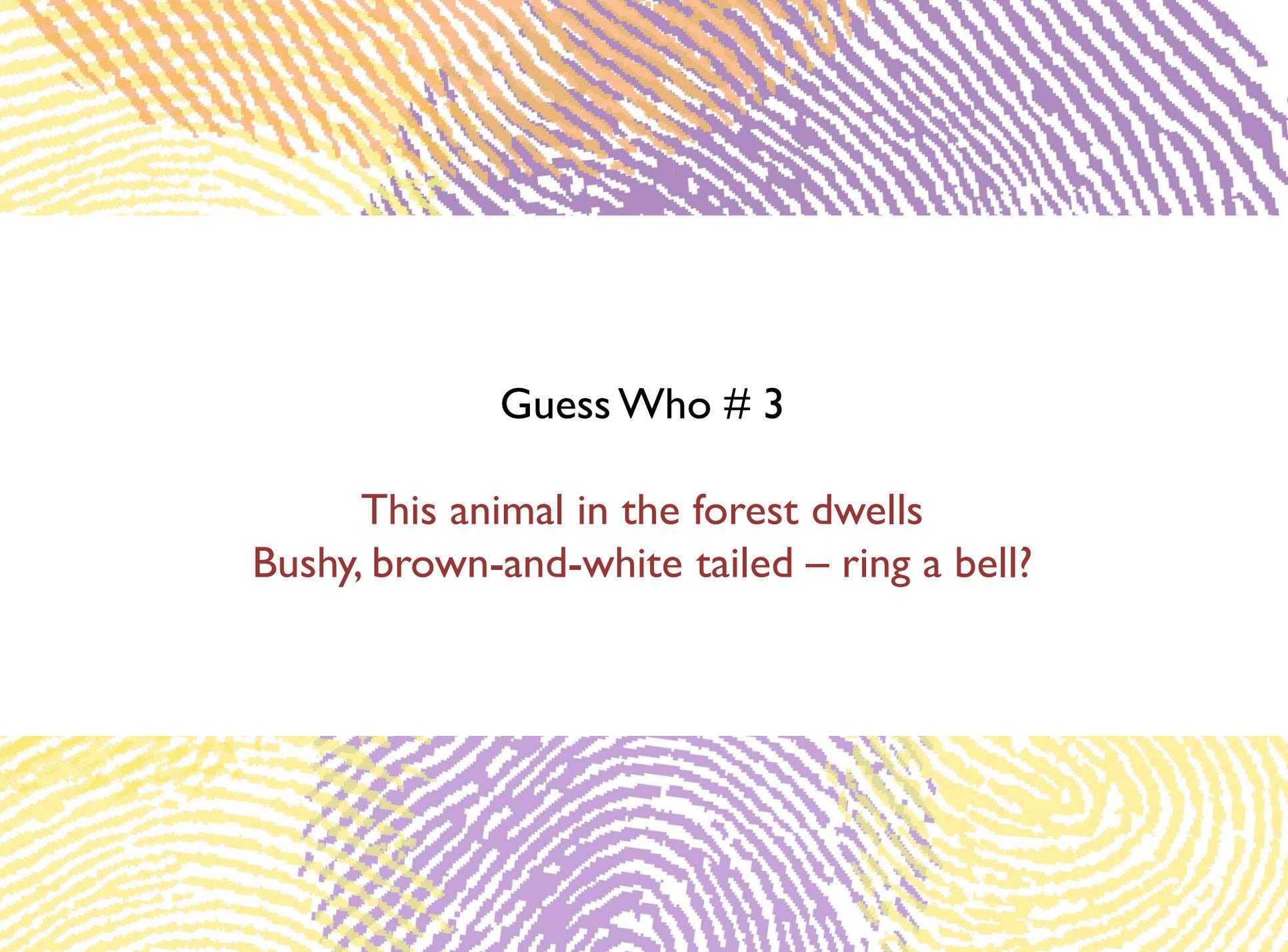


## Guess Who # 2

It hops around with big, long ears  
And a fluffy, bobbing tail on its rear!

**Rabbit!**





## Guess Who # 3

This animal in the forest dwells  
Bushy, brown-and-white tailed – ring a bell?

**Fox!**

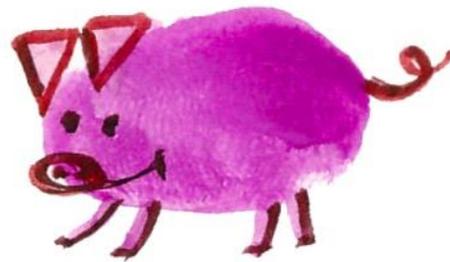




## Guess Who # 4

Small yet curly and swirly in style  
This tail belongs to those in a sty!

**Pig!**





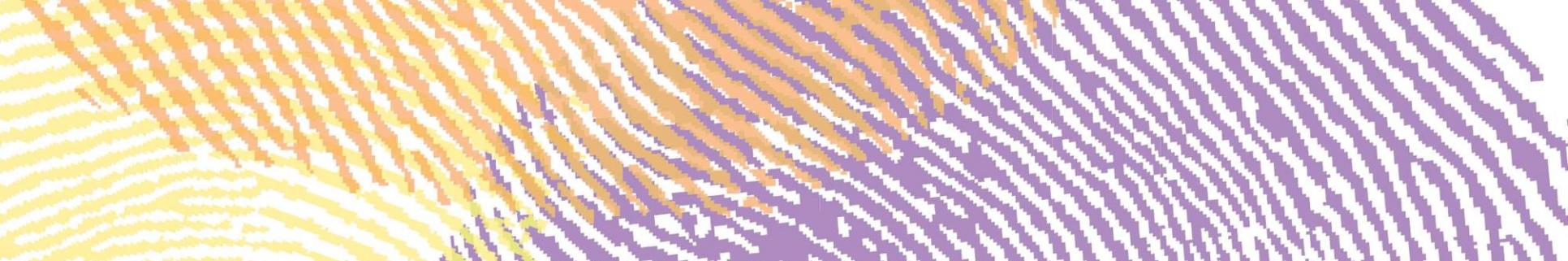
## Guess Who # 5

With black and white stripes, it looks like a horse  
This one's easy! You got it – of course!



**Zebra!**





Wow! Looks like you're ready for something more hands-on.

Get a pencil, sheets of paper and a few colours.



Here we go!



Draw one (maybe two, even three!) of your favourite animals with their tails.

Now mix up their tails! Do you like how they look?

If you had a tail, what would you use it for?

The pictures in the book are done with thumbprints.

Can you draw other animals and birds like that?



Time to play **Tail The Donkey** (or monkey, or rabbit, or...)

Step 1: Draw a donkey (or monkey, or rabbit, or...) on a big paper.

Step 2: Put it up on a cupboard/board/wall.

Step 3: Make a tail out of paper.



Step 4: With a small cloth, blindfold each other and pin the tail correctly to the donkey (or monkey, or rabbit, or...)

**Whoever gets it or is the closest gets a THUMBS UP!**



Two **BIG thumbs up** to you for doing all the activities!  
And if you had fun, share this workbook with friends.

Post your imaginative Tulika-at-Home creations  
on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter  
and don't forget to tag us.

**And come back to us for lots more!**