

Giraffe of Montana – Volume II

By William Bowman Piper

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Giraffe of Montana, Volume II, is the continuation of the delightful adventures of Giraffe, his furry friends, and the royal family of Montana. Giraffe and his pals begin their collection of stories with “Pavilion” in which author William Bowman Piper shares how his industrious characters designed, built and named Friendship Hall. Now with a place of their own to hold their gatherings, Giraffe and the Princesses Isabel trek to visit the Billings Bijou where *The Wizard of Oz* is playing. Disappointed by the trials and tribulations of their travels, the threesome finally agrees that the movie was the highlight of their trip.

In the latter half of the book, the author brings his young audience the adventurous story of “Rooperman” in which a toy airplane named *The Fly* is piloted by Roo, the fearful but eager son of Kanga. After a few tenuous but successful flights, the Royal Air Force is born to serve and protect all of Montana. Piper’s last tale is a confusing but entertaining one named “Who’s Who” in which all of the kingdom’s creatures, no longer content to have their first and last names begin with the same letter, seek new monikers as a show of freedom and independence.

Giraffe of Montana is a wonderful chapter book ideal for elementary school children. It’s perfect for families who read aloud together, or for older children who enjoy reading action-packed, fun-filled stories on their own. Animal lovers and readers alike will love the latest installment of *Giraffe of Montana*, a family friendly gem of a book.