

Reading: The One and Only Ivan

What are we learning about?

Ivan, a lone gorilla, was kept and shown by a Washington State shopping mall for twenty-seven years. From this horrifying fact, Katherine Applegate builds the story of that gorilla, 'The One and Only Ivan'. This is a story of friendship, loyalty, memory, and ultimately, courage. Is it possible that Ivan can stand up, be counted and break barriers for another lonely, captive animal?

Significant People/ Places



Katherine Applegate - Katherine Applegate is the Newbery Medal-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of numerous books for young readers, including *The One and Only Ivan*, the *Endling* series, *Crenshaw*, *Wishtree*, the *Roscoe Riley Rules* chapter books series, and the *Animorphs* series.

She lives with her husband, who writes as the author Michael Grant, and their children in California.

What can I do at home?

- Use the QR code to let it take you to the audio book of *The One and Only Ivan*. You can listen to parts of the story before we read this as a class to give you some extra information.

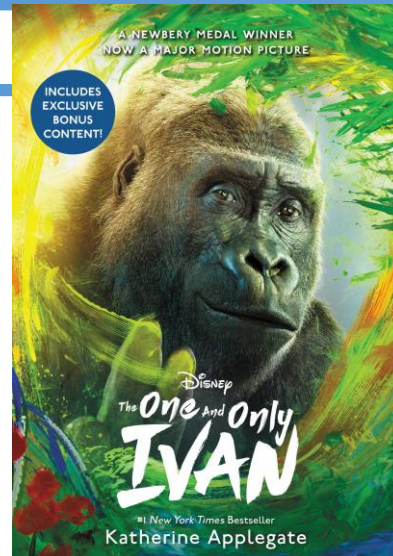


Key Vocabulary

Silver back gorilla	a mature male mountain gorilla, which is distinguished by an area of white or silvery hair across the back and is the dominant member of its social group.
deceptive	giving an appearance or impression different from the true one; misleading.
hope	a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.
Friendship	the emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends.
captive	a person who has been taken prisoner or an animal that has been confined.
stray	a not in the right place; separated from the group or target.
mall	An American word for shopping centre.

Sticky Knowledge

Did you know *The One and Only Ivan* is a film which was made in 2020? The movie and book are based on the life of an actual Western Lowland Gorilla named Ivan. The real Ivan did live at the B& I Amusement Center in Tacoma, WA for 27 years after being a pet for six years. When protests ceased the animals on display at the amusement center, Ivan went to live at Zoo Atlanta where he had a much different life.



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