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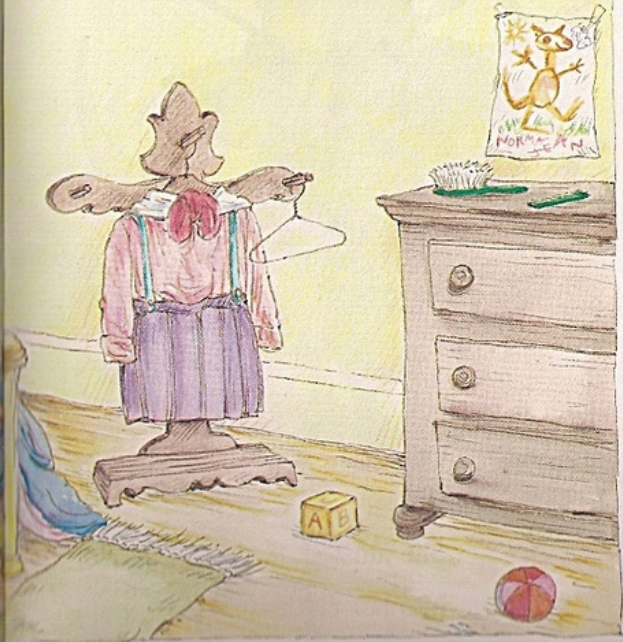
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Norma Jean liked to jump.
In the morning
she jumped out of bed.



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She jumped
into her clothes.

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She jumped
down the stairs.

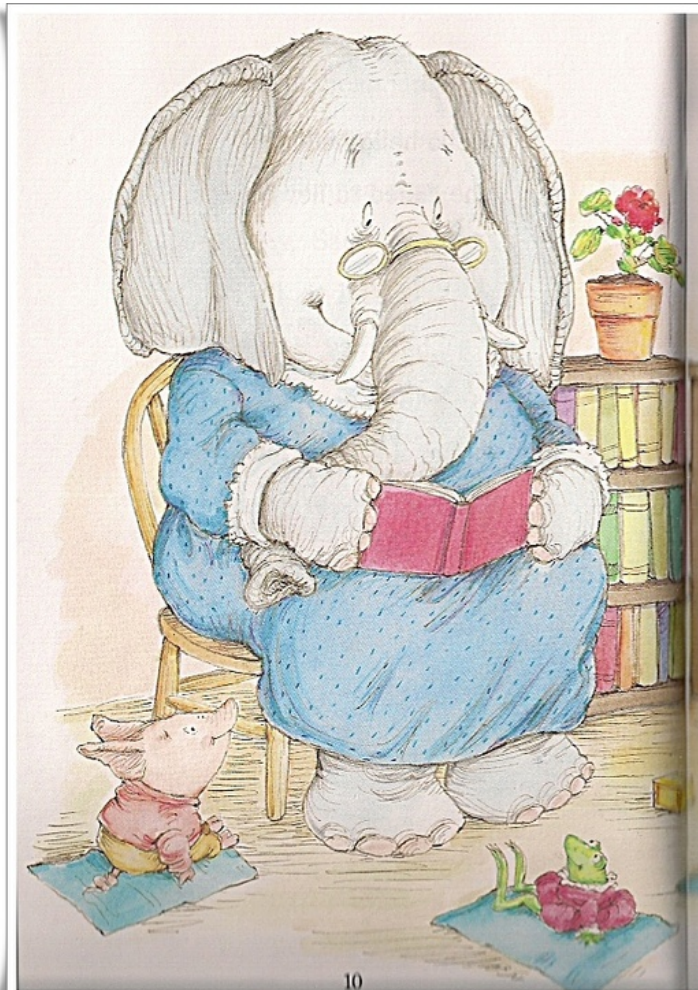


Norma Jean jumped
all the way to school.
She jumped past
Amy, Sam,
Nell, and Ted.
"Wow!" said Ted.
"Look at her go!
That Norma Jean
never stops jumping!"



"Hello hello hello!"
she called to her friends.





That morning
Miss Jones read a book
to the class.
It was a very good book.
But Norma Jean did not
sit still long enough
to hear the story.





At playtime
Norma Jean and Nell
built a tower of blocks.



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Norma Jean was so excited.
She jumped up and down.



Oh, no!
No more tower.

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At lunch
Sam gave Norma Jean
a cupcake.
Norma Jean was so happy.
She jumped up and down.
Oh, no!
Her milk spilled
all over Sam.



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"Norma Jean,
please sit still,"
said Miss Jones.
"This is not the time
or place for jumping."

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After school
Norma Jean went
to visit Ted.
"Hello hello hello!"
she shouted to Ted.
"Will you play with me?"
"Okay," said Ted.
"Let's get on my seesaw."

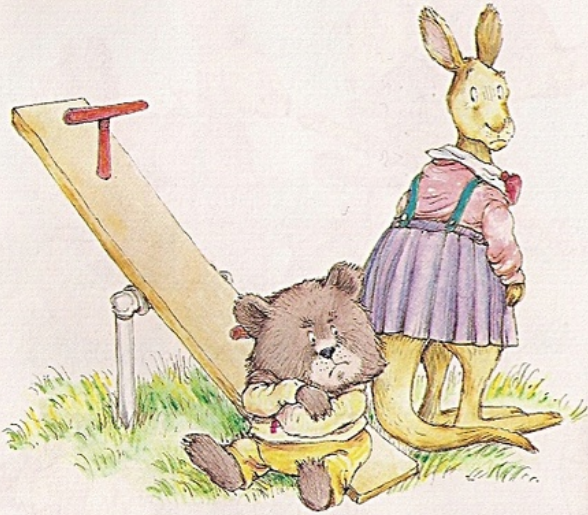
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But Norma Jean bounced too hard.
Ted almost flew off the seesaw.



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"I don't want to play anymore,"
Ted said.

"I wonder why Ted
is mad at me,"
said Norma Jean.

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Then she jumped over to Amy's house.
Amy was playing in her pool.
"Hello hello hello!"
said Norma Jean.
"May I play too?"
Amy said, "Sure.
Jump in!"



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That was the wrong thing
to say to Norma Jean!
SPLASH!



Amy got out of the pool.
"Why did you get out?"
asked Norma Jean.
"We are having so much fun!"
Amy said,
"You are having fun.
I am going inside.
It is no fun playing
with a jumping bean!"



Now Norma Jean knew why
her friends were mad at her.



The next day
Norma Jean walked
to school very slowly.



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There was a big puddle.
All the other kids
jumped over it.
But Norma Jean did not jump.



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Norma Jean said,
"I don't want to be a jumping bean.
No more jumping for Norma Jean."

So she walked
through the puddle
and got her feet all wet.





In the school yard
kids were running around
and playing catch
and jumping rope.

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"There's Norma Jean,"
said Amy.
"Come jump with us."
But Norma Jean
said no.



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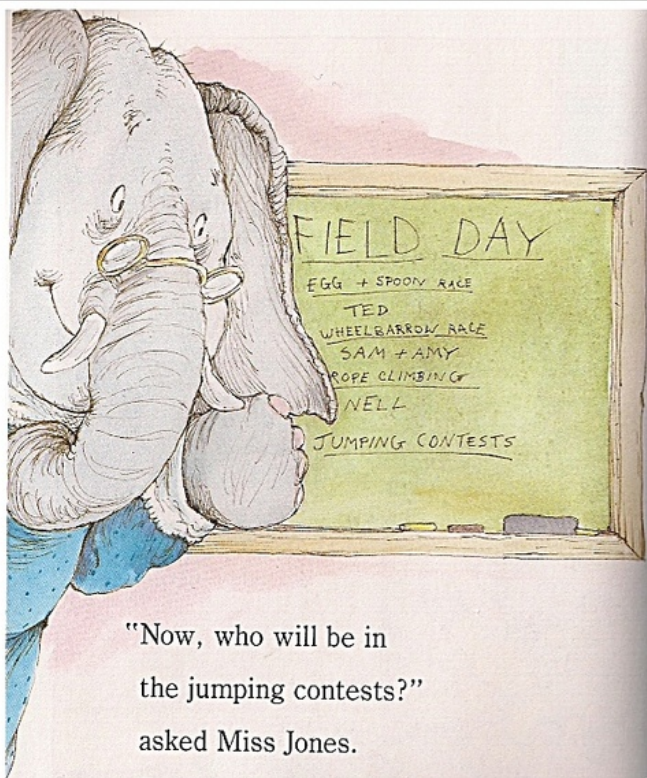


Norma Jean said,
"I don't want to be a jumping bean.
No more jumping for Norma Jean."
And she just stood there
and watched the other kids jump rope.



At the end of the day
Miss Jones told the class
that Field Day was coming soon.
There were going to be
lots of races.
Ted wanted to be
in the egg-and-spoon race.
Amy and Sam
said they would be
in the wheelbarrow race.
Nell asked if she could be
in the rope-climbing contest.





"Now, who will be in
the jumping contests?"
asked Miss Jones.
Everybody shouted,
"Norma Jean! Norma Jean!"
She is the best jumper in school!"

But Norma Jean said,
"I don't want to be a jumping bean.
No more jumping for Norma Jean."
Ted said,
"I miss the old Norma Jean.
She was fun,
even if she did jump a lot."





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On Field Day,
Ted won
the egg-and-spoon race.
Norma Jean was very happy.
She yelled,
"Hooray! Hooray!"



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Amy and Sam
came in first
in the wheelbarrow race.



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Norma Jean yelled,
"Hooray hooray hooray!"
And she jumped up and down
just a little bit.



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Nell won
the rope-climbing contest.

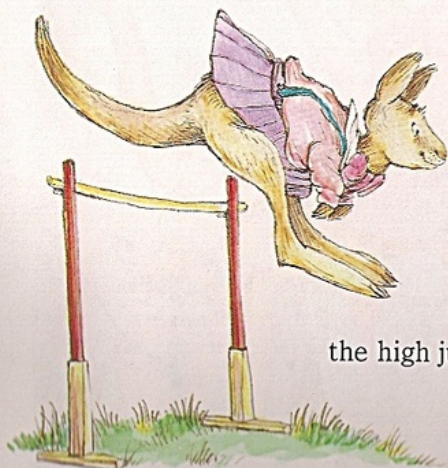
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Norma Jean was so excited,
she jumped out
on the field.

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Norma Jean was
just in time for
the hurdles,



the high jump,

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and the potato-sack race.



She won them all.

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"Hooray hooray hooray!"
shouted the kids in Miss Jones's class.
Norma Jean was very happy.
But she did not jump up and down.
She stood very still.
Miss Jones pinned
a blue ribbon
on Norma Jean.
It said,
"Norma Jean, Champion Jumping Bean."



What did Norma Jean do then?



Norma Jean jumped for joy.



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She jumped
and she jumped
and she jumped
all the way home.



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After all,
there is a time
and a place
for jumping.

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