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***How to be Famous* written and illustrated by Michal Shalev**

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A cheeky pigeon is a famous model and tells the story of how hard it is to keep up the work of being a top model and perfect.

I come from a famous family

I myself am particularly famous.

You might think you could be famous too. But I tell you –

It's not easy being perfect like me!

This conceited pigeon is a show off and is oblivious to what the other animals and visitors to the zoo think of the pigeon. Children will identify with some of the antics the pigeon gets up to, such as leaving messy deposits and eating scraps at the picnic table, but all does not end well.

Most readers will find the ending funny and deserved, and even sensitive children who find it a bit sad could think about what might happen after the story has finished. Perhaps the lion had a tickly throat and coughed?

The short, humorous sentences make it an easy read and the illustrations are fun and expressive. Look out for the alligator.

This story could lead to a lot of interesting discussions for all readers about feelings, bragging, and showing off.

Reviewed by retired librarian Judy Sail

