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## **Gus's Garage by Leo Timmers**

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Gus is a good-natured fellow with a gift for helping others. The genial mechanic has a variety of bits and pieces at his garage that might look like junk but it's surprising how useful Gus's collection can be.

Gus arrives at his garage early in the morning in clean overalls and eager to start the day. He soon has a steady stream of clients with unique challenges. There's Rico Rhinoceros riding a too-small scooter, Gina Giraffe has an open top car that makes her long neck cold, Henry Hare wants his lorry to go faster, and so on. To each of his clients, Gus replies:

*"Let's see. I have some bits and bobs. This goes with that. There. Just the job!"*

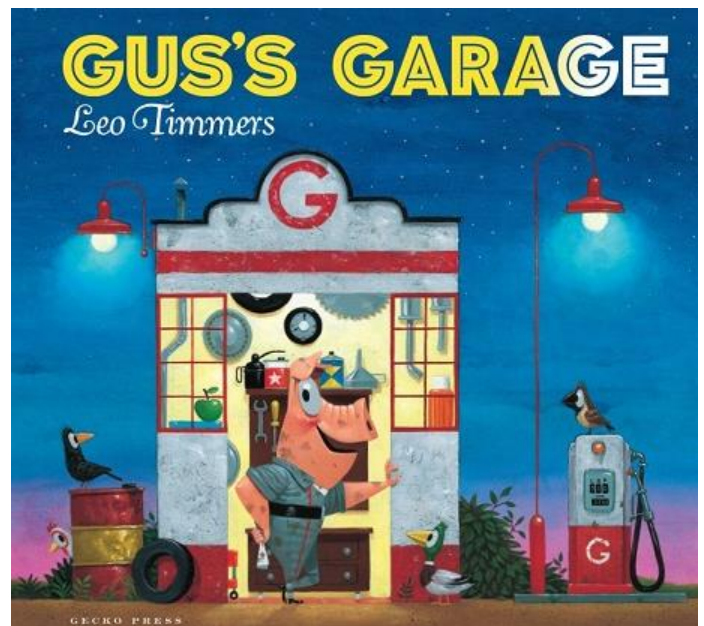
Leo Timmer's brightly-coloured illustrations are eye-catching and humorous. He highlights the individual aspects of the animal characters finding ways to cope in an urban environment. Several birds in the background provide a sub-story of their own as they watch Gus go about his work. There's a wealth of detail in the assortment of tools and materials that he puts to good use.

Gus finds an ingenious solution for all problems and, as the day progresses, his pile of things gets smaller. When evening descends an oil-stained, satisfied Gus turns off the lights and cycles home with his final invention. A perfect ending.

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