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## ***Yours sincerely, Giraffe* by Megumi Iwasa illustrated by Jun Takabatake**

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Giraffe is bored so he decides to write a letter and asks Pelican to take it beyond the horizon.

Penguin ends up receiving the letter and so begins a correspondence between two animals who have no idea what each other is like. Giraffe's letters are full of questions and he slowly builds up a picture of what Penguin looks like – but is he right?

This humorous story is generously illustrated with simple line drawings of the animals and of their letters. It would suit independent readers of 6 to 8 years, although using it as a read-aloud provides many discussion points that enhance the book's value. For example: *What is a pen pal? How can you imagine something you have never seen?*

Well done to Gecko Press for making this much loved Japanese book available to Kiwi kids.

**Reviewed by children's librarian, Penny Guy**

