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Curious George

THE GOLDEN MEATBALL



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Wishing Star
PRODUCTIONS.

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Curious George
**THE GOLDEN
MEATBALL**

MUSIC BY

BOOK / LYRICS BY

JOHN KAVANAUGH

JEREMY DESMON

**BASED ON THE BOOKS BY MARGRET
AND H.A. REY AND THE PLAY, OWNED
BY UNIVERSAL STAGE PRODUCTIONS**

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CHARACTER'S NAME AND ANY VARIATIONS, TRANSLATIONS OR LOCAL
VERSIONS THEREOF AND THE CHARACTER'S LIKENESSES, ARE REGISTERED
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AUTHOR BIOS

Universal Stage Productions - Universal Theatrical Group is the live theatre division of the world-famous motion picture studio. UTG, which oversees both Universal Stage Productions and DreamWorks Theatricals, is represented by the record-breaking musical phenomenon *Wicked*. With a national tour and multiple international productions, *Wicked* has been seen by nearly 50 million people worldwide, making it one of the most successful theatrical ventures of all time. In 2008, Universal's critically acclaimed musical adaptation of *Billy Elliot* opened on Broadway and went on to win ten Tony Awards including Best Musical. Universal also produced the Tony-nominated Broadway production of *Bring It On: The Musical* as well as Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* with the Roundabout Theatre Company. DreamWorks Theatricals, which became part of UTG in 2016, was formed to develop live entertainment inspired by the studio's acclaimed library of family friendly animated films, including *Madagascar Live!* and the Tony-winning musical adaptation of *Shrek*.



John Kavanaugh is currently serving as songwriter/musical director for Disney's brand new princess, *Sofia the First*. He took home the Daytime Emmy Award® for Outstanding Song: Main Title for *Sofia the First*. His music can also be heard in several animated features Disney's hit *Winnie the Pooh* Movie, *Springtime with Roo*, and the Nickelodeon musical, *Globe Hunters*, and *Around the World in 80 Days Adventure* which includes the song *Be Where You Are* featuring Chaka Kahn. With lyricist Marcy Heisler, John wrote "Joseph's Lullaby" especially for Michael Crawford, featured on Crawford's album *On Eagle's Wings* for Atlantic Records. He wrote music and lyrics to the theme for the 2003 Special Olympics, "You're The Dream" recorded by the Walt Disney Records star Myra, and has written songs for the award winning television show *Sesame Street*.



Jeremy Desmon is an award-winning writer whose work has been produced internationally across stage and family entertainment. He received the Edward Kleban Prize for *The Girl in the Frame*. His credits include the rock musical *Pump Up the Volume*, which premiered at Los Angeles's Hudson Theatre in 2025, and the new musical *The Last Supper*, starring Tony Award-winner Alex Newell. With a wide range of theatrical collaborations, he has also written *Good News* (Goodspeed revision), *The Oliver Experiment*, *The Ladies Quick: Family Is Murder*, *One Hit Wonder*, and *The Karaoke Killerettes*. He created two holiday musicals now available for licensing: *Best Hanukkah Show Ever* and *The Santa Switch*. His additional work includes touring and theme-park productions featuring characters from *Paw Patrol*, *Disney*, *Baby Shark*, *Sesame Street*, *Curious George*, *My Little Pony*, and *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey*.



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ACTOR ASM - OLIVIA DE JAGER

CAST LIST

CURIOUS GEORGE - PAYDIN LOPACHIN

MAN IN THE YELLOW HAT (MYH) - JOSHUA MCLEMORE

PHINEAS - SAMMY SWIM

CHEF PISGHETTI - AARON BENDITT-DAVIDSON

NETTI / UNDERSTUDY GEORGE - OLIVIA DE JAGER

DOORWOMAN / UNDERSTUDY NETTI - ALLY REYNOLDS

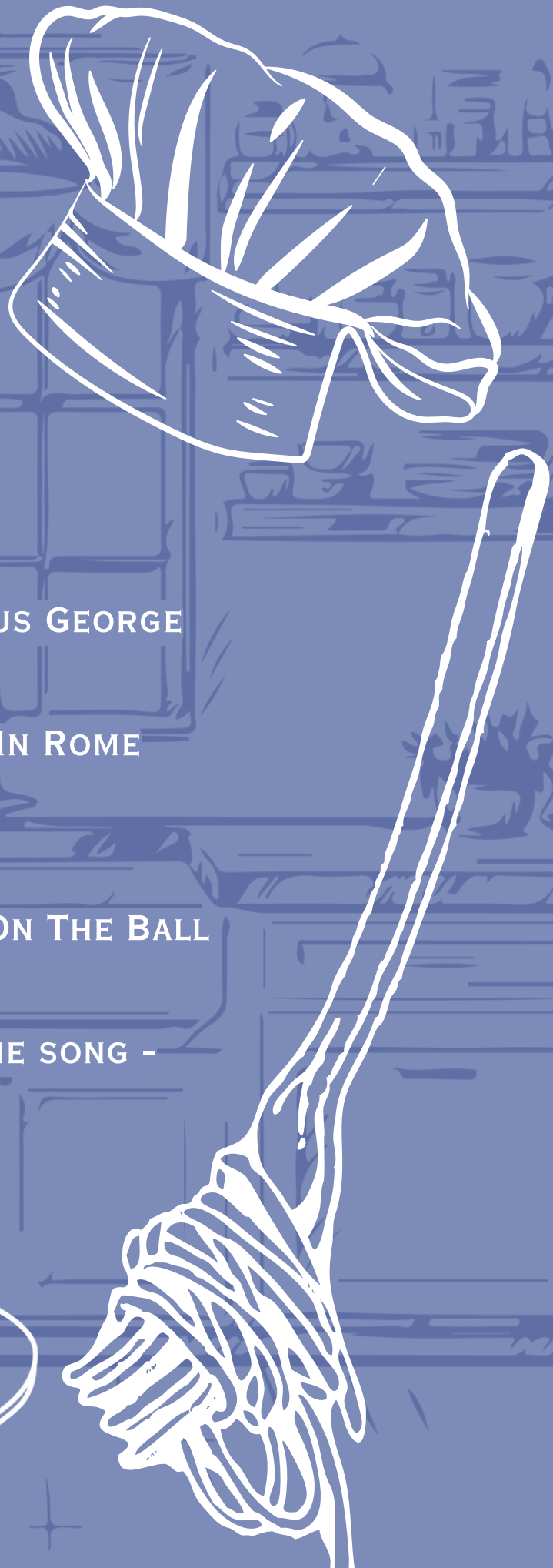
FRANKIE SIDECAR / UNDERSTUDY MYH - C.L. ISAIAH HARRIS

UNDERSTUDY PHINEAS / CHEF PISGHETTI /

FRANKIE SIDECAR - ETHAN RODRIGUEZ-MULLINS

SONGS

1. CURIOUS GEORGE THEME SONG
2. SPECIAL DELIVERY
3. AH ROMA
4. A DASH OF JOY
5. WHO'S GOT TIME?
6. SPECIAL DELIVERY - REPRISE #1
7. GOLDEN MEATBALL
8. SPECIAL DELIVERY - REPRISE #2
9. GEORGE GOES TO ROME / CURIOUS GEORGE
THEME SONG - REPRISE #1
10. THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN ROME
11. GO, MONKEY, GO
12. A BUDDY LIKE YOU
13. THE CONTEST / KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL
14. JUDGING - THAT'S A MEATBALL
15. FINALE - CURIOUS GEORGE THEME SONG -
REPRISE #2



DIRECTOR / CO-CHOREOGRAPHER



ISAIAH C.L. HARRIS

CURIOS GEORGE HAS BEEN A PART OF CHILDHOOD FOR GENERATIONS!

A SYMBOL OF WONDER, MISCHIEF, AND THE UNSTOPPABLE URGE TO EXPLORE. IN REIMAGINING THIS STORY FOR THE STAGE, OUR CREATIVE TEAM SET OUT TO HONOR THAT LEGACY WHILE EXPANDING IT WITH OUR SIGNATURE WISHING STAR EDGE. WE DROP OUR FAVORITE TROUBLEMAKER INTO A BOLD CYBERPUNK WORLD WHERE CURIOSITY CUTS THROUGH THE NEON, NOISE, AND KITCHEN MADNESS.

BRINGING THIS WORLD TO LIFE HAS BEEN A COLLABORATIVE ADVENTURE. WE'VE INFUSED OUR VISION INTO EVERY CORNER OF THE PRODUCTION: CYBERPUNK-INSPIRED COSTUMES, A TECH-HEAVY SET, AND AN URBAN LANDSCAPE WHERE GEORGE'S SENSE OF WONDER BECOMES ITS OWN KIND OF SUPERPOWER. OUR GOAL WAS TO SHOW THAT CURIOSITY STILL THRIVES, EVEN IN A WORLD BUILT ON TECH.

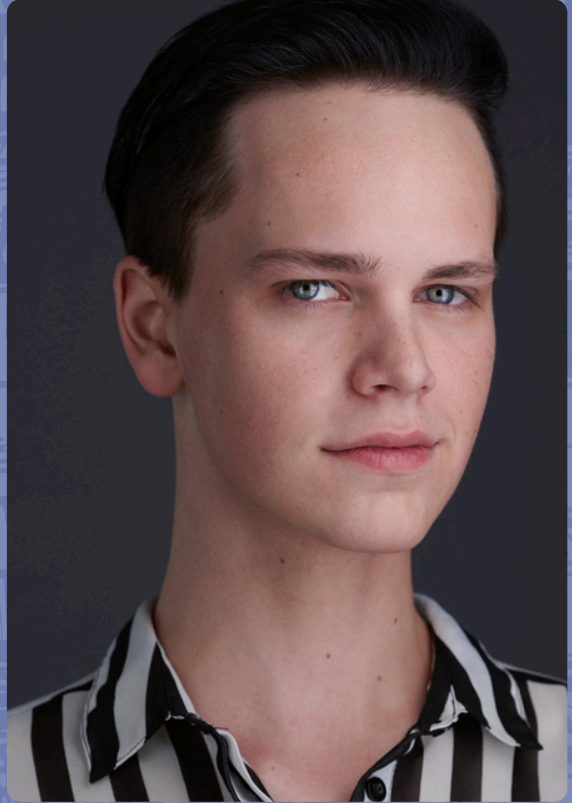
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. MAY GEORGE'S JOURNEY REMIND US ALL TO STAY CURIOS, STAY OPEN, AND KEEP EXPLORING.

ISAIAH C.L. HARRIS

PRODUCTION TEAM



**PRODUCTION &
OPERATIONS MANAGER**



CO-CHOREOGRAPHER



SCENIC & LOGISTICS LEAD



ACROBATIC CONSULTANT

CAST



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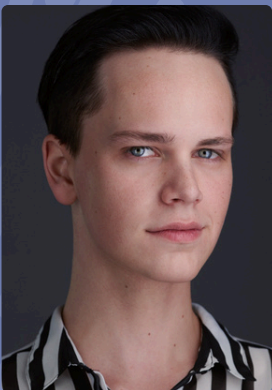
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Paydin Layne LoPachin (Curious George) is thrilled to continue her work with Wishing Star Productions, where she serves as co-owner and producer. Beginning her career at nine years old, she worked with brands including Abercrombie & Fitch, Calvin Klein, and Italian Vogue before transitioning into television with appearances in Cold Case, The O.C., and Heroes. After years behind the scenes directing and managing national tours, Paydin is excited to be back on the road and returning to the stage in the title role of Curious George and the Golden Meatball. She is deeply grateful for the support of her family, creative partners, and the incredible teams who bring these productions to life.



Joshua McLemore (MYH) is so excited to be back with Wishing Star Productions, now donning the iconic hat as the Man in the Yellow Hat. He first joined the Wishing Star family as Frog in A Year with Frog and Toad, and couldn't be happier to hit the road again doing what he loves. A familiar face in the DFW theatre community, Josh's regional work includes The Prom (Kevin), Children of Eden (Father), The SpongeBob Musical (Squidward), Madagascar (Melman), Bonnie and Clyde (Deputy Bud), Kinky Boots (Angel), Footloose (Willard), James and the Giant Peach (LaddhLord / Choreography), Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (Choreography), and Frozen Jr. (Choreography). He thanks his family for their constant support and encouragement.



Sammy Swim (Phineas) is delighted to make his Wishing Star Productions debut in Curious George and the Golden Meatball. A Dallas native, he has spent the past several years living and performing professionally in New York City. He is a proud graduate of the University of Central Florida, where he earned his BFA in Musical Theatre (Go Knights!). Some of his favorite credits include The Prom, Kinky Boots, La Cage Aux Folles, Cabaret, and Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. Sammy sends his love to his parents and friends for their unwavering support.



Aaron Benditt-Davidson (Chef Pisghetti) is an actor, musician, and educator originally from Denver and now based in Chicago. He is excited to join Wishing Star Productions on tour, bringing his love of storytelling to audiences across the country. Aaron's stage career has taken him from national tours to school cafegymatoriums and everything in between, and he is especially passionate about creating theatre for young audiences. He hopes today's performance inspires imaginations to wander as boldly as Curious George's. When he's not performing in theatre, Aaron can be found at the piano or touring internationally as a member of The Four C-Notes, singing the music of Frankie Valli. Love to Zoe, Dinah, and Hoagie!

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Olivia de Jager (Netti / Understudy George) is so excited to join Wishing Star Productions. Originally from Nova Scotia, Canada, she spent the past year touring with Nickelodeon and VStar Entertainment in Baby Shark's Big Broadwave Tour! and Paw Patrol Live! A Mighty Adventure. Most recently, she appeared at The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina in Come From Away (Janice & Others) while also serving as the production's Canadian Dialect Coach. When she's not onstage, Olivia can be found performing with The SymphoNYChorus, out for a run, or enjoying overpriced coffee with friends. She is incredibly grateful to be part of this team. James 1:2-3 – Count it all joy.



Ally Reynolds (Doorwoman / Understudy Netti) is thrilled to make her Wishing Star Productions debut. Based in San Antonio, she has spent the past three years performing around the world with Carnival Cruise Lines and at major theme parks across Texas. Her recent credits include Carnival Celebration and Carnival Mardi Gras (Singer/Dancer), SeaWorld San Antonio's Monster Stomp (Mary Jane), and multiple productions at Six Flags Fiesta Texas, including Rockin' at Rockville High (Sally), Dr. Diabolical's Monster Mash Bash (Dr. Diabolical), and Sing Christmas (Ding-Dong). Ally is grateful to the Wishing Star team for this incredible opportunity and sends love and thanks to her family for their unwavering support. Follow her journey on Instagram at @allyreynold.s.



Isaiah C.L. Harris (Frankie Sidecar / Understudy MYH) is so excited to be back on the road with Wishing Star Productions. A Louisiana-born, Houston-raised performer and creative, Isaiah is thrilled to take on multiple roles in this production as Director, Co-Choreographer, and Tech Director, in addition to stepping onstage as Frankie Sidecar—showcasing his multifaceted talents. Isaiah has been seen all over the DFW metroplex, including Head Over Heels and Kinky Boots (Uptown Players); Newsies, Matilda, and My Way (Casa Mañana); A Kid's Play About Racism (Bay Area Children's Theatre); and Mickey's Most Merriest Celebration (Walt Disney World). When he's not in the theatre, Isaiah enjoys creating, collaborating, and telling stories both onstage and behind the scenes. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continued love and support.



Ethan Rodriguez-Mullins (Understudy Phinneas, Chef, Frankie Sidecar) is a DFW-based actor, music director, and technician joining Wishing Star Productions for the first time. His national tour credits include The Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly (Spider) with Dallas Children's Theatre. Regional performances include Sweeney Todd (Tobias) and Rocky Horror (Riff Raff) at Lyric Stage; Beauty and the Beast (LeFou) and A Charlie Brown Christmas (Linus) at DCT; Hamlet (Hamlet) with OSF; and The Boys in the Band (Emory) at Uptown Players. As a music director, Ethan's work includes Godspell, The Addams Family, and Park-A-Palooza II. He sends love and gratitude to his family and friends for their unwavering support.



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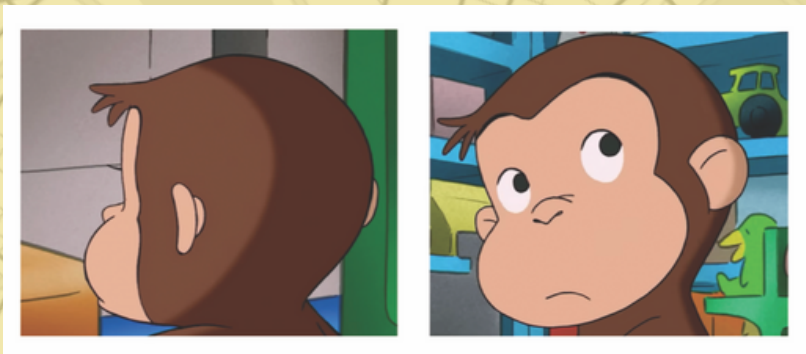
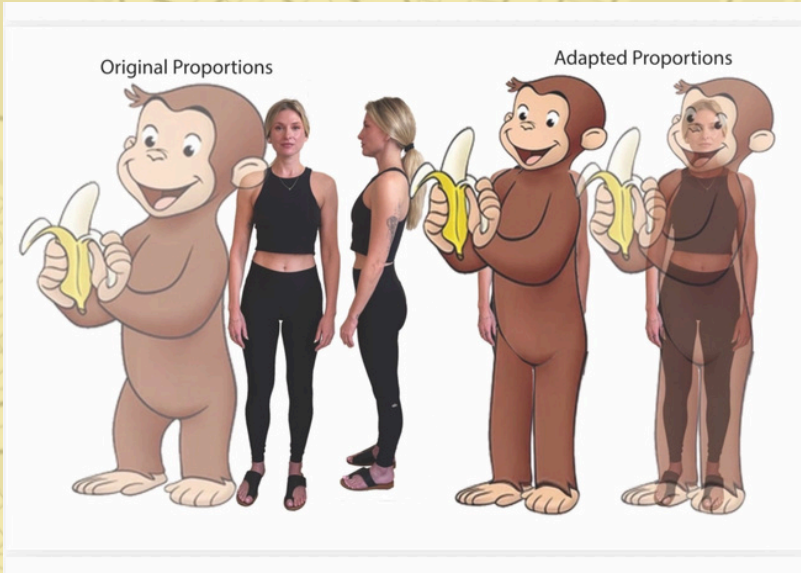


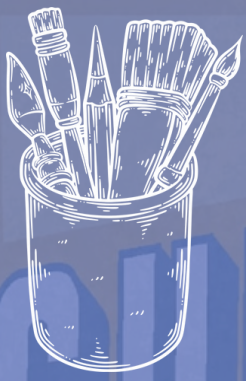


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COSTUME BUILD

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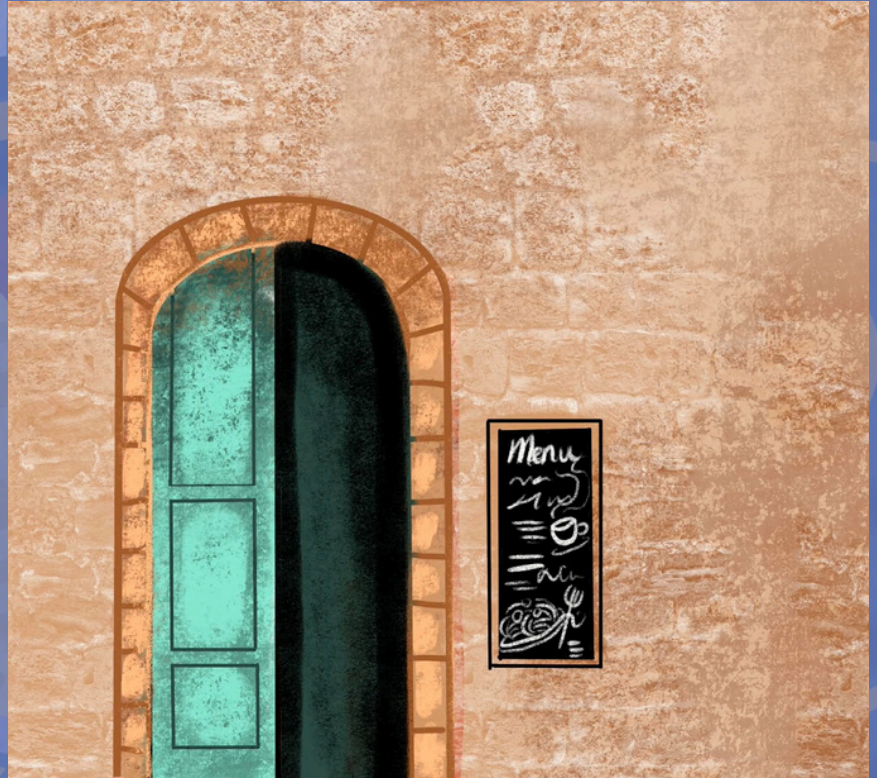
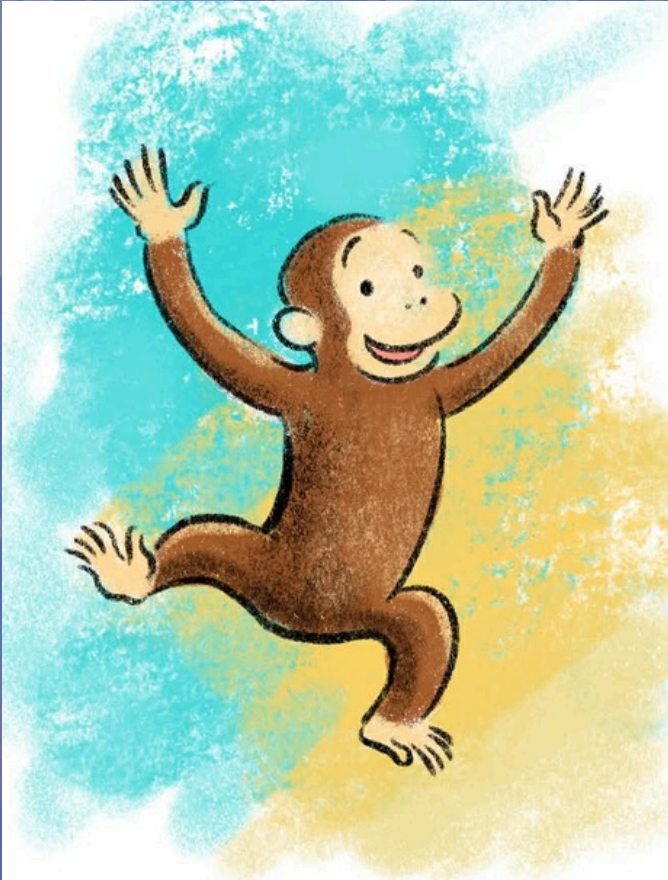




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