

How Back-Back Got His Name

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Can the Friends Help Plumpton, the Opossum, Find His Missing Back?

One cool autumn morning, Lima Bear lay sleeping in his tiny walnut-shell bed in the hollow of an oak tree. He looked a bit like a lima bean with his round green belly and short arms and legs all snuggled up in his bed. "Wake up, Lima Bear! Wake UP!!!"

"Oh my!" Lima Bear exclaimed. He jumped out of bed and ran to the door. Whistle-Toe, the rabbit, held out a note for Lima Bear to read. **Help! I have an EEE-mergency! Plumpton**

Whistle-Toe and Lima Bear rushed to see their friend, Plumpton, the opossum. At Plumpton's house, Lima Bear asked, "What's the EEE-mergency?"

"I've lost something," Plumpton sobbed. "I... I was brushing my fur this morning and when I turned around to look in the mirror, my b-b-back was GONE!"

Plumpton turned around, and disappeared! "Aaaa-MAAY-zing!" Whistle-Toe gasped.

Plumpton sniffled loudly, and turned back toward his friends. Lima Bear said, "Don't worry, Plumpton. We'll help you find your back!..."

And so begins the newest story in the Lima Bear Series. Readers young and old will love **How Back-Back Got His Name**

(©7/2011, limabearpress.com, \$15.95 dust-jacketed hardcover) by Thomas Weck and Peter Weck, with captivating illustrations by Len DiSalvo.

Lima Bear and his clever friends become detectives searching for Plumpton's missing back.

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Before and after reading **How Back-Back Got His Name**, try some of the fun ideas included in the **Extend the Learning and Activities** pages at the end of the book.

- **Share interesting facts** about opossums to build background knowledge.
- **Disappearing Ink.** Write disappearing messages with lemon juice. (Instructions in the book.) Hold your paper up to a light bulb to see your picture or message reappear.
- **The message** of **How Back-Back Got His Name** is the importance of being respectful of others and their differences. **Discuss** some instances in the child's life where they have seen this is true.

Excerpted from the **Extend the Learning and Activities** pages in **How Back-Back Got His Name** by Thomas Weck & Peter Weck (limabearpress.com).

Follow them as Whistle-Toe, Lima Bear, Maskamal (a raccoon) and Plumpton try new and different ways of thinking to solve the mystery. See how they band together to protect each other in times of danger! Will they ever find Plumpton's back?



The ideas included in the **Extend the Learning** and **Activities** pages at the end of the book suggest many ways parents, grandparents, teachers or others who are sharing **How Back-Back Got His Name** with a child can enhance the fun and the learning experience the book provides.



"The Wecks have created a fast paced tale in which animal friends work together (with misadventures along the way) to help each other. In the process, Plumpton and his buddies also discover that being different has its advantages! The authors have successfully viewed the world through a child's eyes and have presented many opportunities for little folks to delve into life's lessons."

~ Kathy Teitelman, Nationally Board Certified Teacher, Cincinnati, OH

How Back-Back Got His Name is the second title in the exciting Lima Bear Series being published by Lima Bear® Press, LLC. **The Megasaurus** was published in May. The publisher's mission is to publish children's stories that are engaging, imaginative, and humorous while carrying an important life message such as tolerance, honesty, courage, etc. The stories are entertaining and meaningful both to those who listen as well as to those who read them aloud.

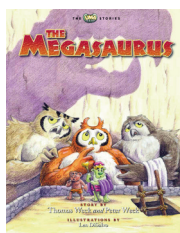
Meet the Authors and Illustrator

Thomas Weck is a creative, captivating national award-winning children's book author. He has traveled extensively in the U.S. and in foreign countries and taught children through the Peace Corps.

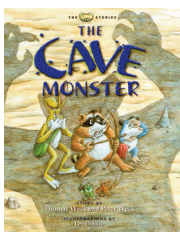
Peter Weck, the father of three young girls, has teamed up with his father to capture stories he remembers from his childhood. He is on the board of the Menlo Park Library Foundation and is CEO of StoryJumper, a web based company that enables anyone to create and illustrate children's stories.

Len DiSalvo, an illustrator and animator for a wide range of print projects and award-winning computer games, teaches art illustration and animation at the Art Center Design College in Tucson, Arizona.

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