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MEET THE AUTHOR & ARTIST!

Hello!

I'm Ava Gleitz, I am 14 years old, and I am the author and illustrator for, A Creative Collection of Colorful Creatures. Writing stories has always been one of my favorite things to do! Whether it be short stories, poems, or a full-blown novel, I love every step of the process! I have also always loved everything to do with ART! Drawing is my favorite, but I love trying out new mediums whenever I get the chance! I am so thankful to everyone at the Arts Commission for giving me this amazing opportunity, and for letting me share what I love to do most.

A Creative Collection of Colorful Creatures is a story about mythical, magical, crazy creatures and how they like to spend an afternoon. This story was inspired by the incredible Creative Creatures banner! I wanted to write something fun and whimsical for people of all ages to enjoy, while also showing off some of the amazing creatures already in the banner. I hope that after reading this story, people will be inspired to create their own crazy creatures, or their own creative stories!



A CREATIVE COLLECTION OF COLORFUL CREATURES

By: Ava Gleitz

In a dusty old suitcase, somewhere far, far away, there's a book about strange creatures and how they spend their days. Now, these creatures are rare, and like to stay out of sight, but I'll tell you a few stories, so you'll know what they're like.

There are creatures called Keftly, with yellow fur and big paws, who like to go on walks and take naps by waterfalls! Keftly's are warm, and they like to give hugs, and they also make friends with lots of ladybugs! If you see a sleeping Keftly, don't go too near, but sing a nice song for the sleepy Keftly to hear!

Then there's Gellaqua! These creatures are small blobs of water that roll around, but it's not very often one of them gets found. They like to play tricks and they like to play games. They like to play lots of very silly things! If you see a Gellaqua, there's no need to be scared! If you like to play games, then you're very prepared.

The next is a Neptill, who are green and look like fish, but they have one great big eyeball that cannot be missed! The eye of a Neptill can be any color, and no Neptill's eye looks like another! If you see a swimming Neptill, compliment its eye, and then it will jump from the water and fly!

There's just one more creature I want to discuss, and that is the marvelous Rondombombuss! This creature can spin, cartwheel, and flip! This creature is happy when it makes a loud "PIP!" If you see the Rondombombuss, you're in for a treat, because a playdate with Rondombombuss simply cannot be beat!

So, those were the creatures you've never heard of before,
But I think you could come up with even more!

So, what do you think?
What other creatures are out there?
Are there pretty pink birds with curly blue hair?
Are there clouds that tell jokes?
Are there trees with wings?

I bet you can come up with all sorts of new things!