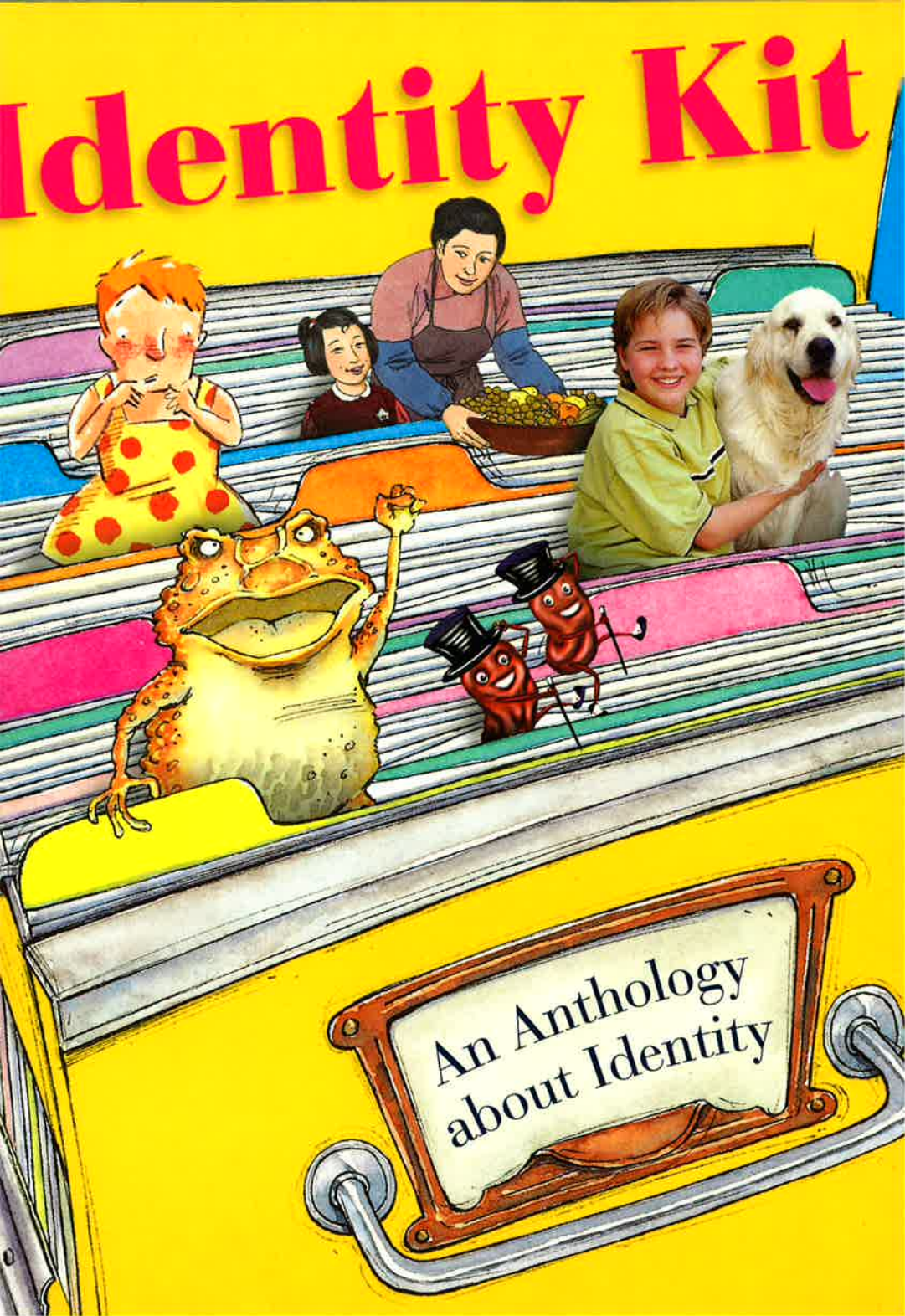
Identity Kit



An Anthology about Identity

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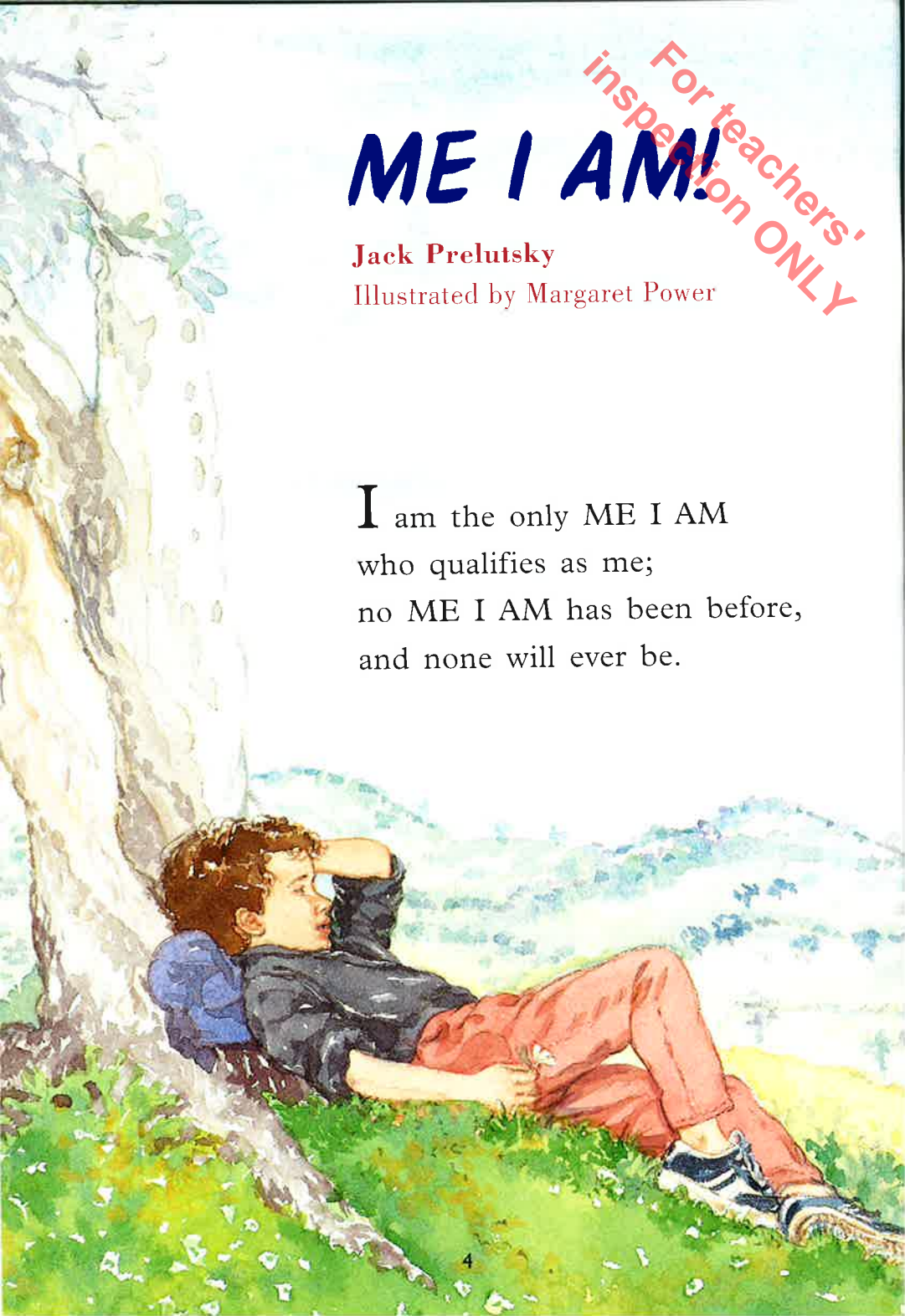
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ME I AM!

Jack Prelutsky
Illustrated by Margaret Power

I am the only ME I AM
who qualifies as me;
no ME I AM has been before,
and none will ever be.



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No other ME I AM can feel
the feelings I've within;
no other ME I AM can fit
precisely in my skin.

There is no other ME I AM
who thinks the thoughts I do;
the world contains one ME I AM,
there is no room for two.

I am the only ME I AM
this earth shall ever see;
that ME I AM I always am
is no one else but ME!

Toad Rage

Morris Gleitzman Illustrated by Ian Forss

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Setting the Scene

The Sydney 2000 Olympic Games aren't far away. Limpy and his cousin, Goliath, are determined to bring honour and respect to all cane toads in Australia — by becoming fluffy Olympic mascots.

But it's not that easy. How do you make humans love you? Especially when humans think cane toads are the ugliest creatures on earth. And why do humans think some animals are more important than others?



'Go on,' said the voice. 'Don't be embarrassed.'

A kangaroo was dabbing its eyes with a tissue and holding a couple more out to Limpy and Goliath.

'No thanks,' said Goliath.

'It's OK to be upset,' said the kangaroo. 'I would be if I'd just discovered I was an unloved species.'

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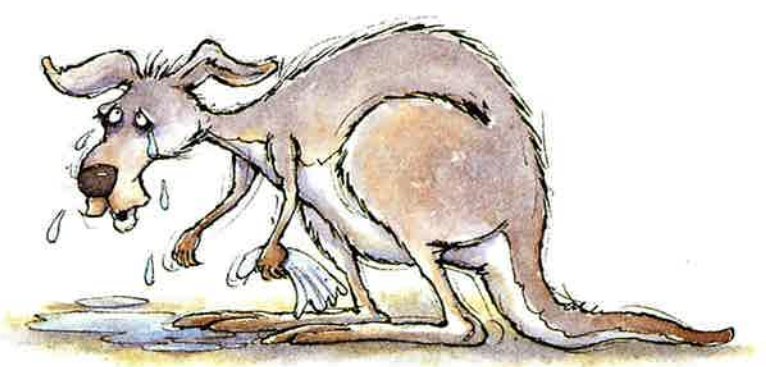
'We're not upset,' said Goliath menacingly to the kangaroo. 'And we're not unloved. I love my cousin Limpy and he loves me.'

Limpy nodded. But only for a moment because he was feeling so upset.

The kangaroo was right.

How could I have been so stupid, thought Limpy miserably. How could I have imagined I could have a real friendship with a human? How could I think humans would want to make a fluffy toy out of me?

'Sorry,' the kangaroo was saying. 'Didn't mean to rub it in. If it makes you feel any better, imagine what it's like for me. Humans love me. I'm on the Australian coat of arms. And every travel show ever made about this country. Plus most of the cooking shows. Imagine how I felt when the Games Mascot Committee gave me the thumbs down.'



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The kangaroo blew its nose loudly on a tissue.

A koala put its arm round the kangaroo. 'I know how you feel, mate,' it said, and took a swig from a bottle.

'At least they didn't try and swat you,' said a blowfly indignantly.

'Or rush out of the room screaming,' said a diamond-bellied black snake sadly.

'Or scratch you off the list,' said a flea bitterly.

