The Selfish Crocodile

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The selfish crocodile allows no other animal near HIS river -- until, that is, the day toothache changes his life. Mouse tiptoes through his mouth, removes the offending fang, and peace breaks out in the local animal kingdom. The tale has a quite wonderful simplicity and a pace and rhythm characteristic of the oral tradition at its best. On the page or in performance, Charles is a master at making every word count for young audiences: this picture book is super storytelling. Terry's illustrations are an equal delight: from the leering, gluttonous, self-satisfied crocodile to the alternatively bemused and frightened fellow jungle creatures. The double-spread image of wee mouse climbing through croc's mouth is a classic of its kind and caused more than a few gasps from a group of Reception children. Highly recommended for group story-sharing. This title would make a wonderful Big Book!

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