

# Little Skink's Tail

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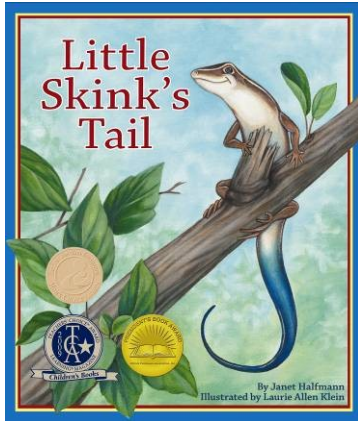
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## ‘Hmmm, I wonder how I’d look with a tail like that?’

While Little Skink hunts yummy ants for breakfast, she is suddenly attacked by a crow! But she has a trick to escape—she snaps off her tail, and it keeps on wiggling! Little Skink is happy to be alive, but she misses her bright blue tail. *Little Skink's Tail* follows Little Skink as she daydreams of having the tails of other animals in the forest. Readers will enjoy pretending with her, trying on tail after tail. The first is too puffy-fluffy, and another is too stinky! Then one day Little Skink gets a big surprise...and she doesn't have to dream of tails anymore.



Children, parents, and teachers will love the “**For Creative Minds**” educational section, which was vetted for scientific accuracy by Sherry Crawley, Director of Education, School and Family Programs at Zoo Atlanta. The section includes:

- Fun facts about why animals have tails
- “Mix-and-Match” tail activity
- “Footprint Map”

There are also “**Related Websites**” and “**Teaching Activities**” on Sylvan Dell Publishing’s website, [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com), to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

## About the Author and Illustrator

**Janet Halfmann** (*Little Skink's Tail* and *Furs and Feathers*) has been writing children's books for more than 20 years. Before becoming a full-time children's writer, she was a manager, editor and writer of coloring and activity books for Golden Books, the editor of a national children's magazine and a reporter for a daily newspaper. A member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Janet has recently published *Alligator at Saw Grass Road*, *Polar Bear Horizon*, *Dolphin's Rescue*, and *Pelican's Catch*. Janet was inspired to write *Little Skink's Tail*, her 28th book, while researching for one of her other books, *Nature's Predators: Lizards*, and an article that she wrote for *Ranger Rick*, "Slinky Skinks." She was also inspired by her granddaughter, who enjoys playing dress-up. Discover more at <http://www.janethalfmann.com>.



**Laurie Allen Klein** has been a freelance artist for nearly 20 years. Over the last several years, she has worked as the on-staff artist for a marine park, where she does everything from painting life-size sea animal murals to illustrating children's activity books. In addition to illustrating *Little Skink's Tail*, Laurie illustrated Sylvan Dell Publishing's *If a Dolphin Were a Fish*, *Where Should Turtle Be?*, and *Furs and Feathers*. Her other books include *The Out to Pasture* series, authored by Effie Wilder. Laurie and her family live in Northeast Florida. Visit her at <http://www.lauriekleinart.com>

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