



**DEAR READER,**

**The name Nikeriff is a unique one that my youngest autistic son came up with and used in place of Goodwill. As this story unfolded on paper, I decided Nikeriff was the perfect name for a little monster but didn't know how I wanted to spell it.**

**I asked my son, Joshua. I gave Joshua a pen and paper and asked him to spell Nikeriff and he wrote Goodwill.**

**A child's mind is so incredibly fascinating, and it's because of my two boys that I can appreciate the magic of imagination.**

**This book is dedicated to Isaac and Joshua.**



**NIKERIFF**

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**This Book Belongs To:**

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**Deep in the woods, inside monster school, a curious but forgetful little monster named Nikeriff could not remember the letters in the alphabet.**





**Nikeriff asked his mom and dad for help. They gave him a large sac and a piece of paper with the alphabet written on it and said "Go on a scavenger hunt! Find one thing in the forest that begins with each letter of the alphabet and put it in your sac!"**



**Nikeriff was very excited. With his teddy bear on his head, letters in one hand and sac in the other, he headed into the woods for his scavenger hunt!**





On his hunt, Nikeriff spotted an **ARMY** of **ANTS**,  
a **BABY BEAR** and a **CATERPILLAR**.  
He put them all into his sac.



Next, he saw a baby **DEER**, tortoise **EGGS**, and a sneaky **FOX**  
trying to snatch an egg for lunch.  
Nikeriff swooped them all up into his sac.





On his walk, Nikeriff met a **G**ROUNDHOG  
and plopped him into his sac.





Up above, was a **HIVE** of bees buzzing around.  
Nikeriff broke off the branch and saw crawling by the hive  
were other **INSECT** critters including a **JUMPING SPIDER**.  
He dropped them all inside his sac.





Phew! Nikeriff's sac was getting heavy, and the critters were getting restless, but he had more letters to find.

He already remembered half the Alphabet!



On his hunt, he caught a **KISSING BUG** and scooped up a **LADY BUG** and the **MUSHROOM** it was resting on and placed them all in his sac.





**Nikeriff climbed a tree to get a better view of the forest.**





There he saw a **N**EST with a sleepy **O**WL in it. He carefully picked up the **N**EST and **O**WL and added them to his sac.



Below him, a **P**ORCUPINE was chasing a **Q**UEEN BUTTERFLY. He raced around and caught them both and added them to his collection.





On his hunt, Nikeriff spied a **SQUIRREL** resting on a **ROCK**. He caught the squirrel still clinging to the rock and put them in his sac, and found he also caught a troop of **TERMITES**.

“**HURRAY!**” Nikeriff’s scavenger hunt was almost done and his squirming sac was getting very heavy.





He stopped to rest beside a flowing creek.  
There he saw an **UNDERWIG MOTH**  
flying around **VINES**.





He lassoed the **UNDERWING** moth with the **VINE** into his sac.

Beside his monster feet, a **WORM** popped out of the dirt.



He lassoed it up and dangled him above the creek to fish out an **X-RAY TETRA FISH**. Nikeriff dropped both the worm and fish into his very wiggly sac.



Finally, he carefully gathered a **YELLOW JACKET** and plopped it into his almost full sac.



**In his heavy shaky sac, he found almost  
every letter!  
Now he just needed to find the letter...**











As tears streamed down his cheek,  
he hugged his teddy bear tight.

**"BOO HOO!"** Nikeriff cried, he found every letter but Z.

Suddenly, he jumped, cheered, and hugged his bear.

**"Z is for ZIPPY!"**



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