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How did the notion for IT'S A BOOK come to you? How did the characters first appear to you in your imagination? Today's kids are so smart and tech savvy. I see the little guys on their laptops and I'm blown away. I'm sure in the future everything will be digital and kids will rarely encounter a traditional book. I thought this conflict would make a funny premise for a picture book. I originally envisioned the lead character as a goofy-looking kid, but I thought that might be perceived as making fun of kids so I took a cue from Aesop and made the characters animals. Text courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group. [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] Reviews Perhaps our minds might stretch back far enough to remember a time before e-readers, computers, iPads and WiFi? It's a Book provides a playful and lighthearted story with a subversive twist. Imagine this scenario--Monkey is sitting quietly reading the classic (which we later find out is Treasure Island) when his tech-savvy friend Donkey asks him what it is. Monkey tells him 'it's a book'. Donkey becomes quite puzzled and quizzes him on the purpose of the book, the conventions of the book and the maintenance of the book. In doing so, he makes constant comparison between gadgetry and

affordances of the computer (like ... does it scroll down? do you blog with it? can it text? Tweet? Do you need a password .). Monkey patiently answers all his questions to reveal a unique and humorous conversation. In a moment of frustration (after the twelfth question!), Monkey becomes irritated with Donkey and puts the book in...

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