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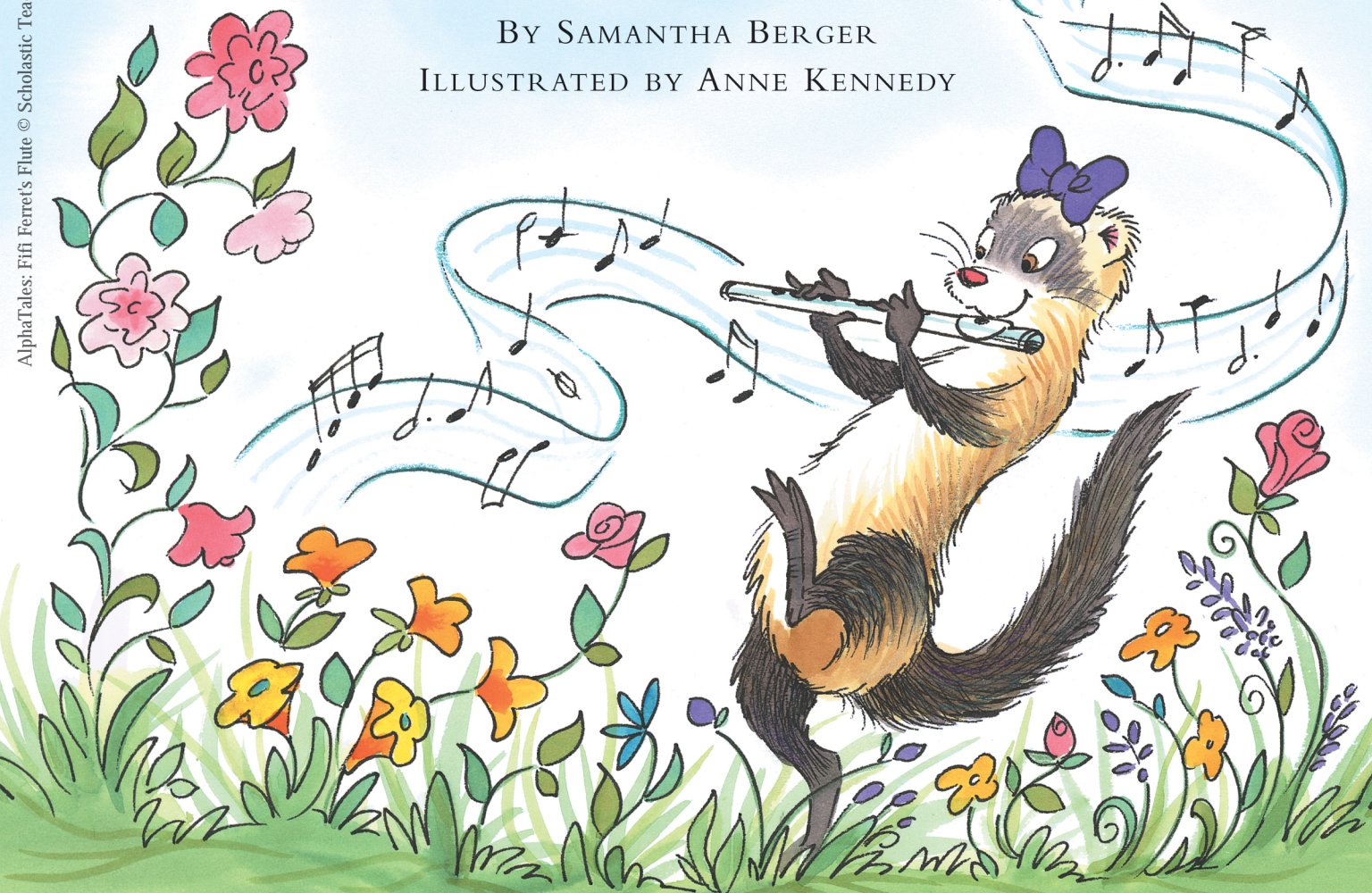
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Fifi Ferret's Flute

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F is for Felicia, Flippers, Frau,
Fred-n-Phran, & Ms. Fleming —
fabulous forever.



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When Fifi Ferret was five years old,
her father gave her a flute.

Fifi Ferret loved her flute...



She played it for her family.



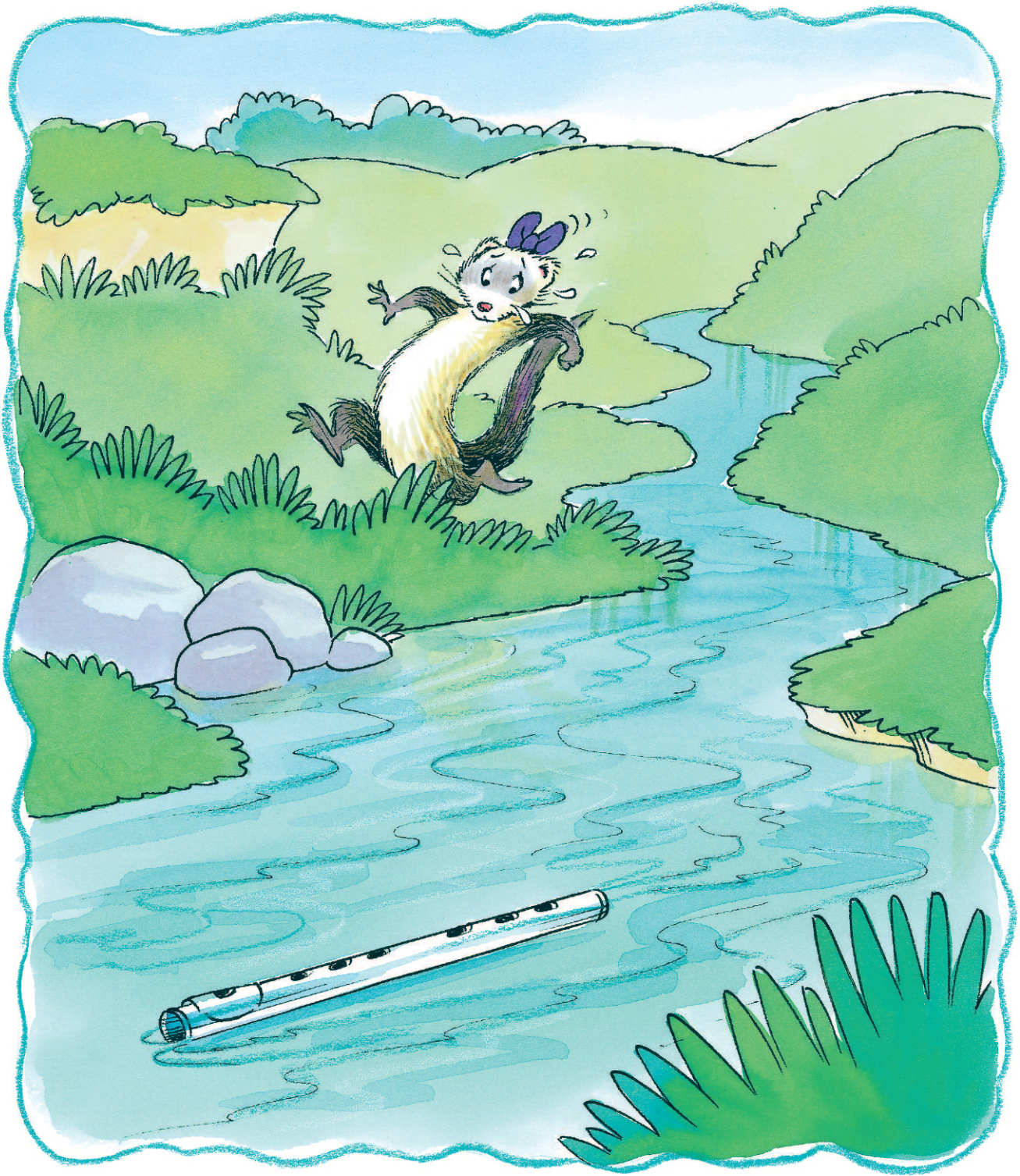
She played it in the forest.



She played it in fields of flowers.



One day, Fifi was playing her flute by the river. Suddenly, the flute fell from Fifi's hands!



The flute floated far, far away.
Fifi ran after it.



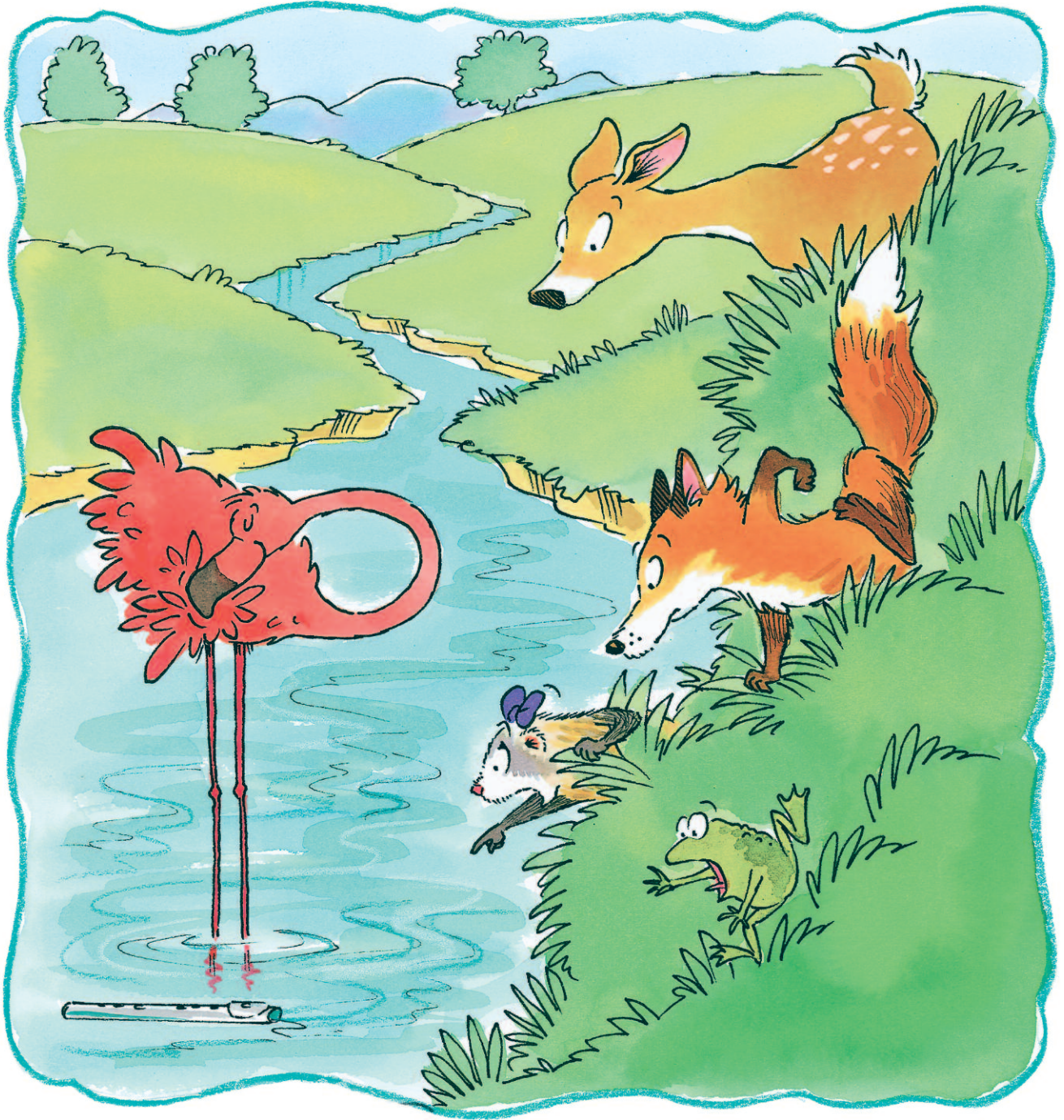
The flute floated past Frog,
who was catching flies.
“Follow that flute!” yelled Fifi.



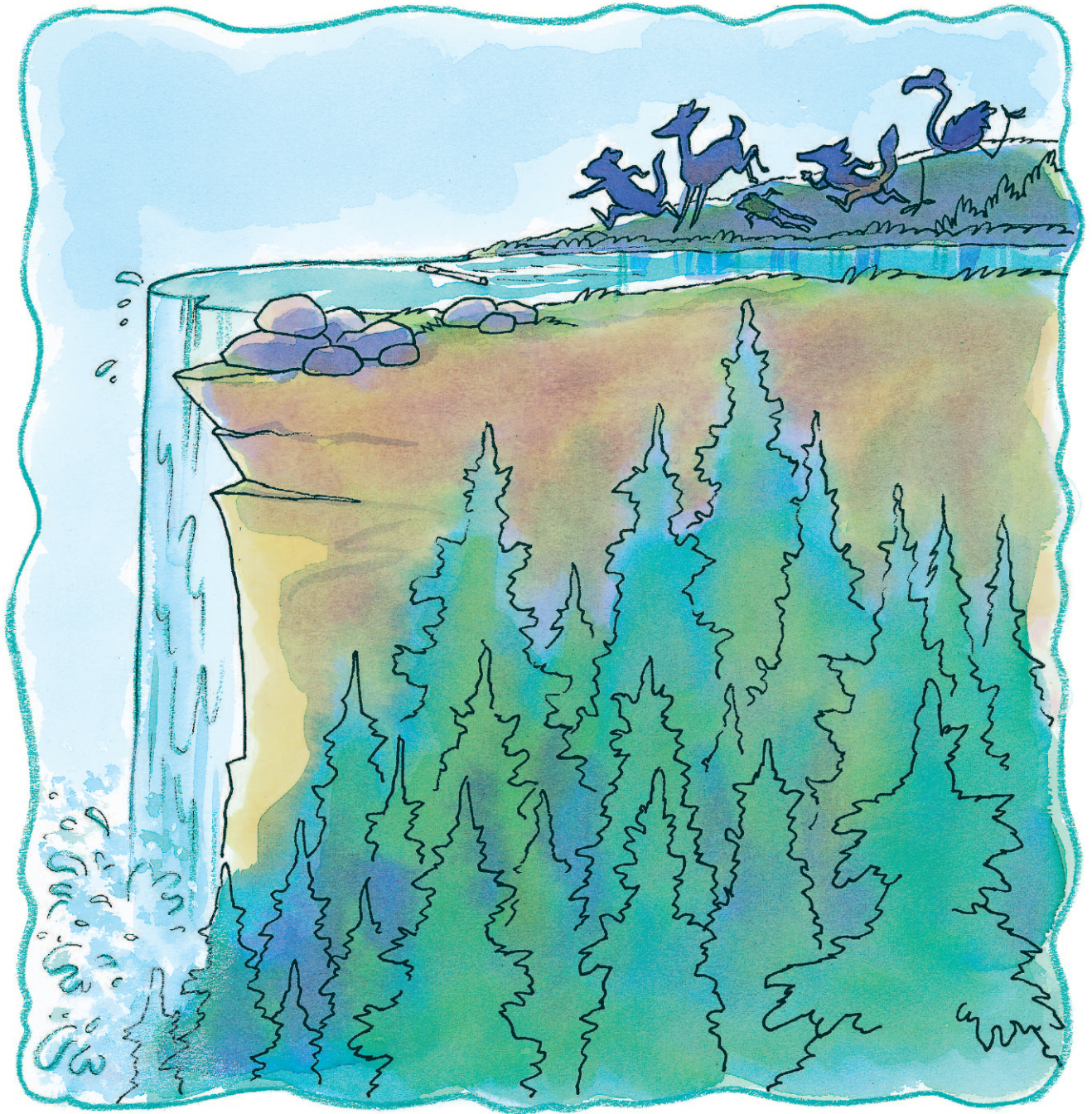
The flute floated past Fawn,
who was nibbling ferns.
“Follow that flute!” yelled Fifi and Frog.



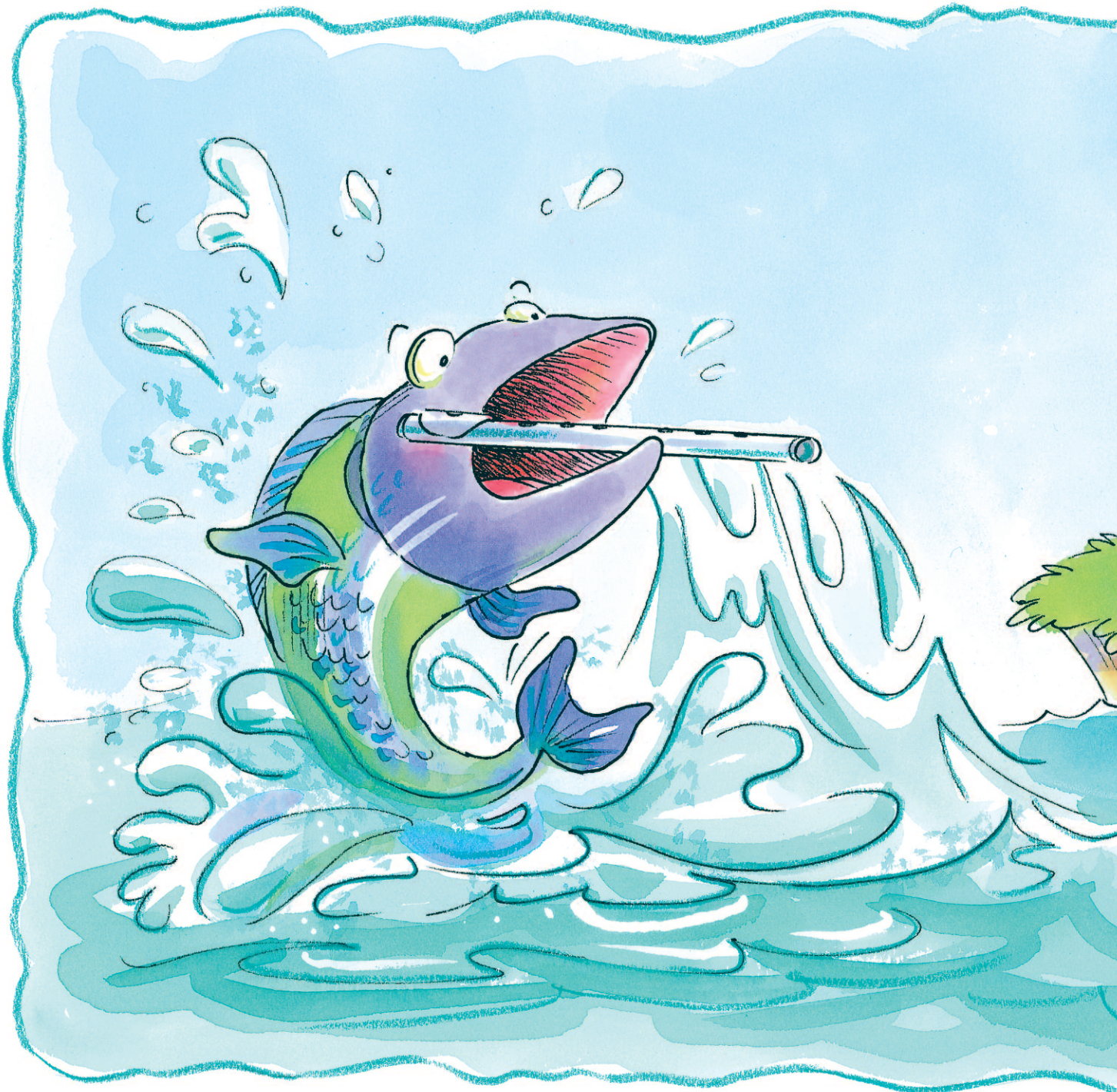
The flute floated past Fox, who was eating figs.
“Follow that flute!” yelled Fifi, Frog, and Fawn.



The flute floated past Flamingo,
who was fluffing her feathers.
“Follow that flute!” yelled Fifi, Frog,
Fawn, and Fox.



Fifi, Frog, Fawn, Fox, and Flamingo ran fast.
But the flute floated faster.
“Oh no! It’s floating toward the falls!” Fifi cried.
Fifi feared her flute would be lost forever.



All of a sudden, Fish leapt from the water.



She grabbed the flute right before it fell
down the falls!



Fifi was so happy to have her flute back!



But Fifi was even happier to have such fabulous friends.

How many things can you find that begin with the letter F?





See page 19 for answers.

Ff Cheer

F is for ferret, **F** is for flute

F is for flower, feather, and fruit

F is for frog, friend, and French fries

F is for fox and fireflies








Hooray for **F** big and small—
the most fantastic, fabulous letter of all!



Reading Tips

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Here are some quick and fun ways to use this story to help children build important alphabet recognition skills.

-  Ask children to find big F and small f at the top of the front cover. Review the F/f sound with children. Can they find three words in the title that begin with the letter F/f? Read the title aloud, emphasizing the F/f sound as appropriate.
-  Flip the book over and read the story summary on the back cover. Ask children to point out words they hear or see that begin with F/f. Explain that the story you are about to read includes many more words that begin with the letter F/f. Can they help you find them?
-  Read the story aloud once for pleasure and enjoy together the whimsical illustrations. Then reread the book, emphasizing the initial F/f sound in the appropriate words. Ask children to listen closely for and identify all the words that start with F/f. Point out these words in the text, and make a list of them.
-  Write each of the words from your list on an unlined index card. Read each word on the cards aloud with children. On another reading of the story, children can match the words on the index cards with the words in the story.
-  Pages 16-17 of the book depict a busy scene full of F/f words. Some of these words have been introduced in the story, but a few are new. Ask children to find as many F/f words as they can. Add any new words to your list. The F/f words depicted in the scene include: ferret, flute, fireworks, fawn, flag, fox, flowers, fish, frog, fiddle, flamingo, feathers. (Children may come up with other F/f words on their own!)
-  Read aloud the cheer on page 18 several times, with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Invite children to join you in reciting the cheer when they feel ready. Encourage them to find any new F/f words in the cheer. Again, add these words to your list.
-  Don't let your exploration of the letter F/f end with the story! Display your list of words in a place where children can easily see it. During the rest of the day or week, children can add new F/f words that they encounter in other books, on signs, on food labels, and so on.

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**Fifi Ferret's flute has fallen into the river!
Fifi and her friends follow the flute. Will they
catch it before it floats away forever?**



AlphaTales are humorous stories designed to help young children recognize letters and the sounds they make. Lay the foundation for reading success with these kid-pleasing books — one for each letter of the alphabet!