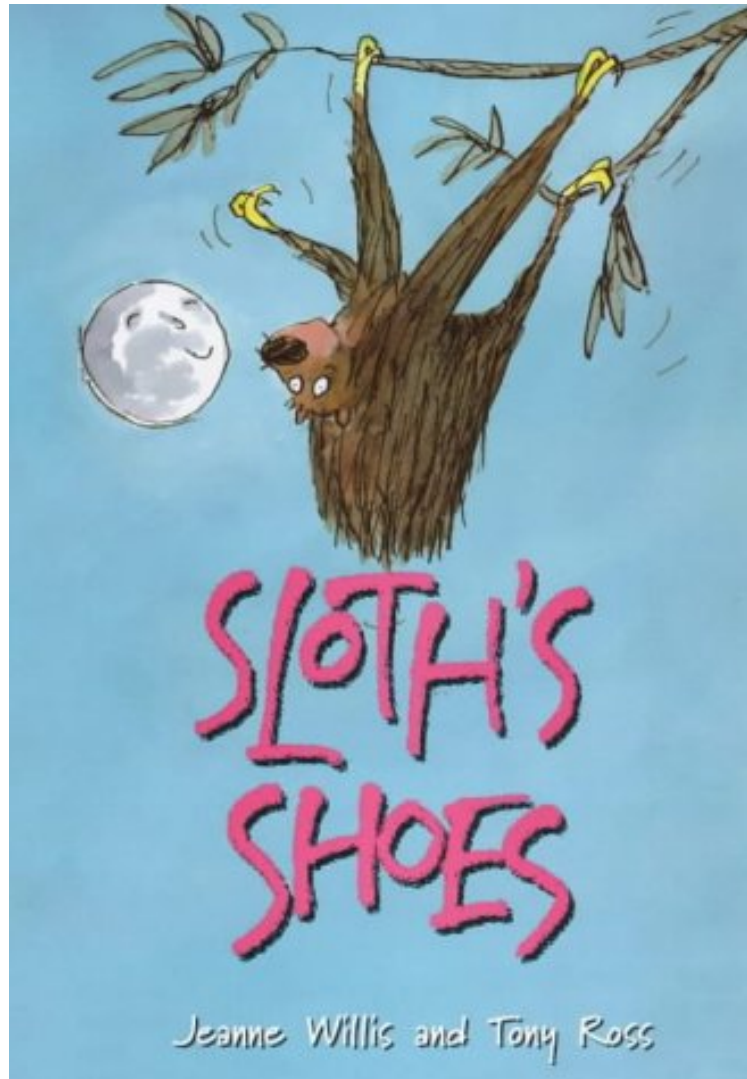


## Sloth's Shoes

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**Jeanne Willis : Sloth's Shoes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sloth's Shoes:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. That crazy slothBy Karinna K. LeeSloth's shoes is a fun and zany children's story about sloth's freinds throwing him a birthday party. The story is written in rythmic form and is fun to read for small children and parents. Small children will soon have it memorized and will be qouting the book all hours of the day! This one is one you want in your collection!

From Publishers Weekly This off-beat British import relates how a slow-moving sloth was a year late for his birthday party and thus had outgrown his main present, the shoes of the title. But while the book lacks a satisfying storyline, Willis and Ross (who joined talents for *The Pet Person*) draw readers in with playful language and humorous ink-and-watercolor illustrations. Willis's alliterative absurdity at times recalls Dr. Seuss, as when "A Boomslang boomed from a branch below." The "Potterroos," which look like moles with long noses, stitch "Such beautiful shoes with vine-twined ties/ His favorite shape! His perfect size!/? And lined with softest, moth-proof moss/ And sewn with skeins of spiders' floss." Ross's animated animal party is a gleeful assortment of woodland animals in formal dress, dancing and sipping from tiny martini glasses. But the premise of a no-show birthday sloth ultimately keeps the amusing moments from adding up to an engaging whole. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal PreSchool-Grade 1

A harmless British import, this is the tale of a sloth who is so slow that he's a whole year late for his own birthday party. While eager to get to the festivities, this unhurried creature's old habit of "Three steps forward. Backwards two" causes his tardiness. When he finally does arrive, his birthday shoes no longer fit him. Although the rhymed verse is at times stilted, the cartoon illustrations are colorful and fun. A book that is pleasantly devoid of an agenda to enlighten, educate, or moralize. Christy Norris Blanchette, Valley Cottage Library, NY Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus sIt's Sloth's fifth birthday, and all the animals pitch in to plan the party of the year. But slow-poke Sloth is so fashionably late that the other party animals, who revel throughout the year while waiting for their friend, tire just before Sloth finally arrives: "right place, right day, wrong year." Sloth has missed all the fun, and has also grown out of his birthday present, a pair of carefully stitched shoes. This humorous tale trips off the tongue, its rhyming stanzas bordering more on fun than forced, with poetic sounds and alliteration. The friendly and unusual cast of characters ranging from potterroos to pangolins are whimsically depicted in revelry from a tuxedo-clad snake to a party-pooing fruit bat in pajamas. Readers are bound to enjoy the amusing, offbeat party preparations. (Picture book. 3-6) -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.