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It's Fat Tuesday, and things are getting hot. This *Courir de Mardi Gras*, one clever rooster vows that he will not end up in the gumbo pot! As masked Carnival revelers travel across Acadiana begging for ingredients for their communal gumbo, the rooster flies ahead to warn the alligator, goose, crawfish, shrimp, pig, oysters, turkeys, ducks, rabbits, and chickens to hide and stay out of sight. Although the revelers visit every farmhouse, there is “nary a critter from a gator to a mouse”! How will the Cajuns celebrate Mardi Gras without gumbo?

With her trademark lyricism, celebrated Louisiana musician and author Johnette Downing draws readers through a landscape filled with Cajun dialect, French-Cajun words, and a catchy repeated refrain that makes this read-aloud story a sing-along for the whole family. In her second collaboration with Downing, artist Jennifer Lindsley provides a humorous glimpse of the hilarity and chaos as the rooster runs across the countryside. Downing provides a glossary of traditional French-Cajun words used in the story and a delicious recipe for *gumbo z'herbes* guaranteed to be rooster free!

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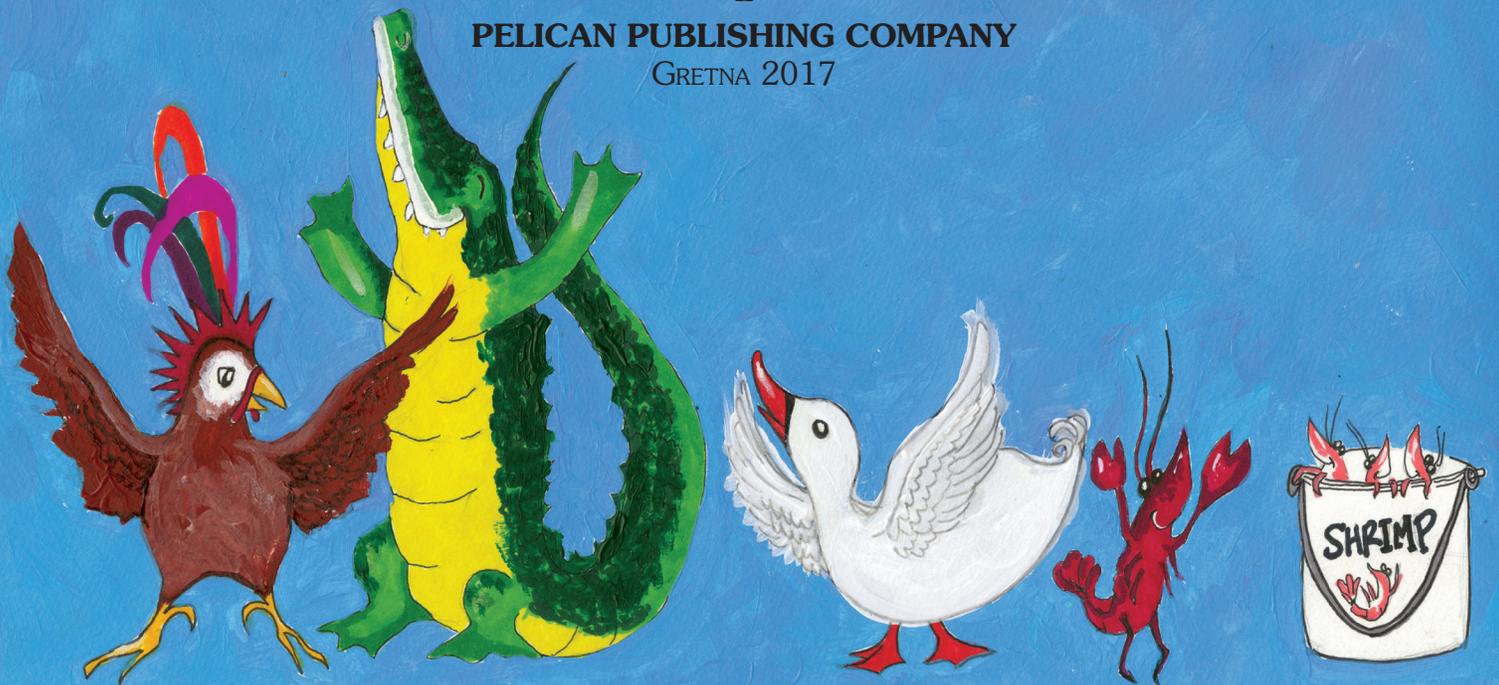
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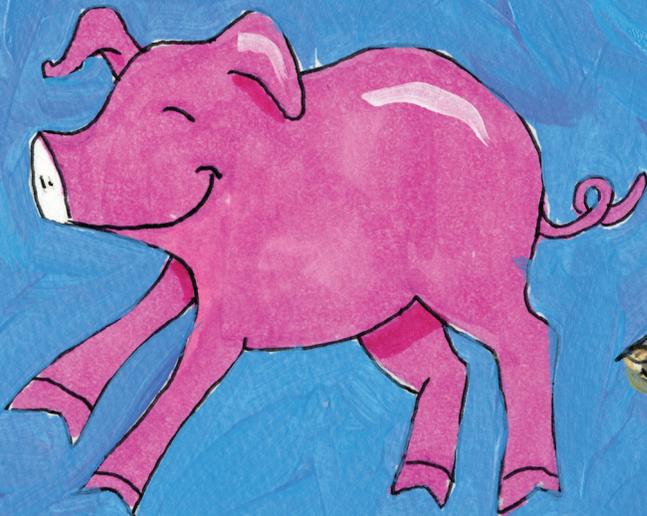
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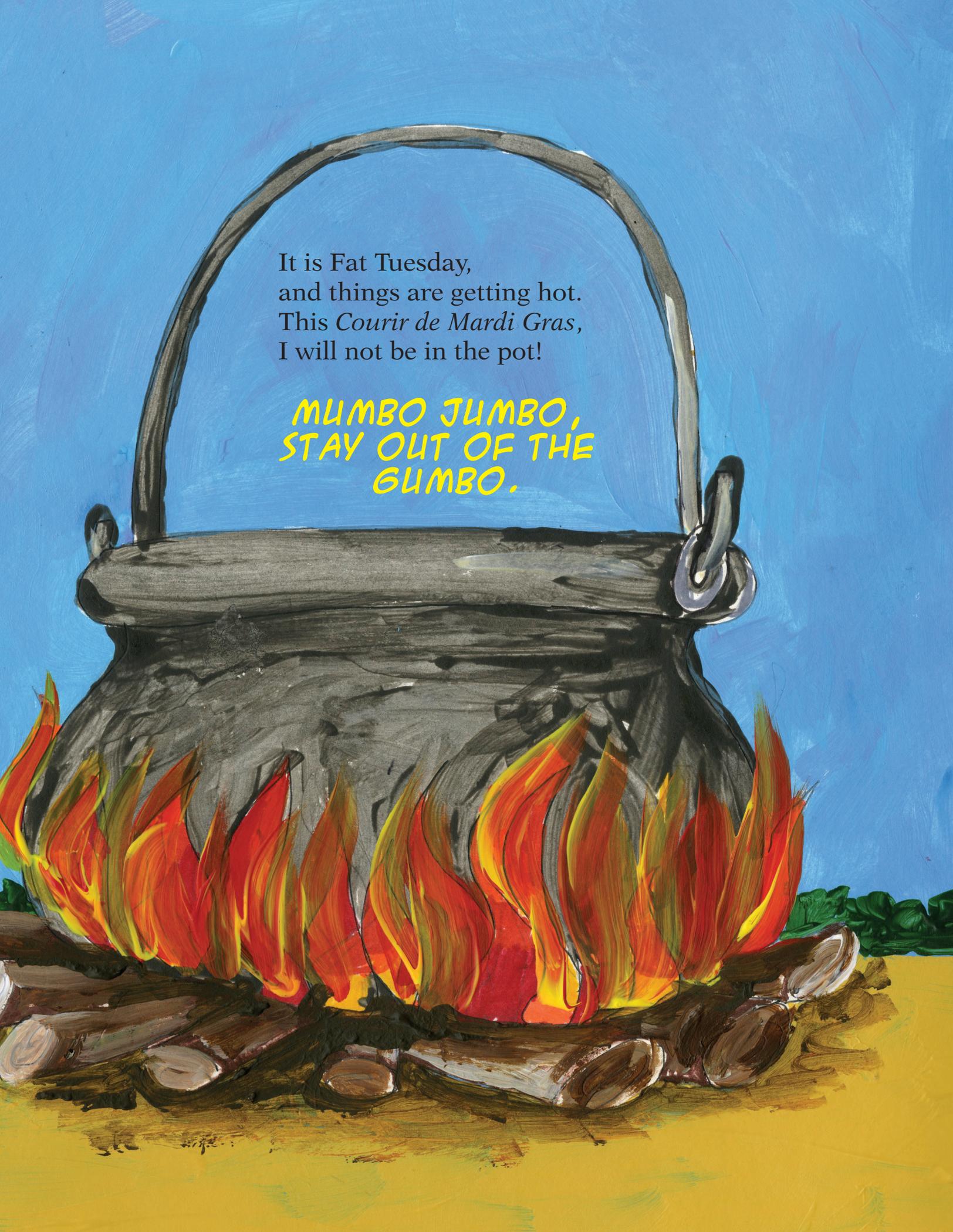
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For the animals of Louisiana —JD
To my students at Alice M. Harte Charter School
and to my son, Haden, always inspiring me every day —JL







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*Le capitaine puts on
his capuchon.
Hey, alligator,
you better get gon'!*

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