Long ago, Azban the Raccoon loved to race on his long legs. He was the fastest of all the animals, but he was also the most conceited. When the other animals grew tired of his attitude, Azban chose Big Rock as his next opponent. But, busy taunting instead of running, Azban tripped . . . and Big Rock flattened him--splat! Only the ants would help stretch Azban out again--as long as he promised to be their friend. Did Azban keep this promise? Is the raccoon still the fastest of all the animals? In this lively, funny romp, the team that created How Chipmunk Got His Stripes and Turtles Race with Beaver once again captures the fun and energy of traditional Native American stories. This time, they have chosen an Abenaki tale that warns against arrogance and honors the importance of keeping your promises.

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This is a REALLY cute book! My kids like it so much that this book is on our most popular bedtime stories. For that reason, I took it in to read to my son's first grade class (as well as another class) ... so, well over 40 kids ... and it was a HIT! It kept ALL of the kids' attention. (No small feat!) Azban the raccoon liked to taunt the other animals into racing him because he had long legs and could ALWAYS win. He showed very poor sportmanship at each of his "wins." Soon, he had no friends that wanted to race him ... that is, until he found a huge boulder rock on the mountain top. I'll let you read the rest. :) It is a really cute story and GREAT for reading aloud to a group of kids.

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