

Can You Believe It?



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I highly recommend this delightful book about Charlotte the cheetah cub, who is emotionally gifted, intuitive, and empathetic to the feelings of her brothers and sisters. She uses her imagination to paint vivid mind pictures and to restore her emotional balance. I can easily identify with her when I find myself being sensitive to the emotional climate in situations and trying to make things right.

Gloria van Donge has captured the essence of the emotionally gifted child in her carefully crafted description of Charlotte throughout this tale.

After teaching young children for more than forty years, I understand that children grow to reach their full potential in the sunshine of warm acceptance and active encouragement of their unique abilities. Children encouraged to develop their emotional giftedness are a treasure, enriching the lives of us all.

This book, and others in the series, is a valuable resource for parents and teachers seeking to identify and understand giftedness in young children.

– Lyndelle Sherrin
expert in early childhood studies

Charlotte clipped the long, dangly
stethoscope around a branch.
She leaned the splints and crutches against a tree.
She lifted the lid of the toy medical set
and peeked at the instruments and bandages inside.



She helped Chelsea hang up their sign:

SAFARI CLINIC

Charlotte handed Chelsea the clipboard.
Everything was ready for their new game.





"Okay, everyone. First we need a patient. Who would like to play that part?" Chelsea asked the cubs.

"Not me," replied Christina. "I'm not sick."

"I don't like hospital food.  Yuk!"

Chevron frowned.

"I can't run if there's a splint on my leg."

Chadwick nursed his paw as if it hurt already.



"We can't play hospital without a patient,"
explained Chelsea.

Charlotte sniffed the air.
She could smell tension.

This new game was not off
to a good start.



"If I am the patient, Chelsea, do I get to ride in the ambulance?" asked Charlotte.

"Sure," replied Chelsea.

"So who wants to be the ambulance driver?"

"That's me," said Chadwick.

"Hop in, Charlotte."

