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Dr. Erin Gillett

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Lester, Helen. *Tacky the Penguin*. Houghton Mifflin, 1988

Associate Professor Gillett chose this book because:

*Tacky the Penguin* is a wonderful read-aloud for children of all ages. Helen Lester's story of Tacky—an "odd bird" who wears Hawaiian shirts and sings off key, in great contrast to his companions Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly, and Perfect—teaches us to respect and appreciate the individuality in others. This lesson seems to be more critical than ever in today's society. Tacky's eccentricities are sometimes irritating and sometimes endearing; yet it is exactly his unique qualities that allow him to save his companions from hunters. Lynn Munsinger's illustrations capture the humor and complement the text beautifully. Children (and college students) never seem to tire of this book, and I never get tired of reading it.

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