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*The*  
**KISSING HAND**



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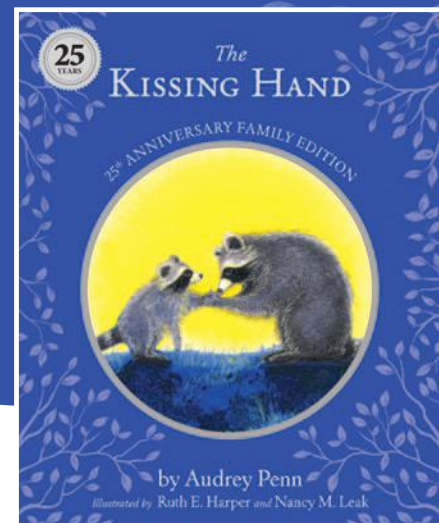
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## ABOUT THE BOOK

Countless children have been introduced to Chester Raccoon through ***The Kissing Hand*** and its sequels. With over 6 million copies sold, Audrey Penn firmly showed that kids need characters with whom they can share their troubles. Chester's fear of venturing to school for the first time has touched the lives of countless children and families during times of transition and distress.

Teachers, librarians, and caregivers have used Chester's story to bring calm to the anxious children in their care on the first days of school, but ***The Kissing Hand*** can relate to so many more situations in a child's life.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Audrey Penn** is the author of the perennial bestseller, ***The Kissing Hand***, and the other books in this series. She takes her one-woman educational program, The Writing Penn, into schools, libraries, and children's hospitals, where she shapes and refines her story ideas in partnership with kids. A resident of Durham, NC, she is a sought-after conference speaker for groups of teachers and other professionals who work with children. To learn more about Audrey Penn, please visit [www.audreypenn.com](http://www.audreypenn.com).

## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATORS

### **Ruth E. Harper, illustrator**

Ruth Harper is a self-taught artist from England. The third of seven children, she lived in Israel and Cyprus before coming to America at the age of sixteen. In addition to ***The Kissing Hand***, Ruth also illustrated ***Sassafras*** by Audrey Penn. She currently lives in Iowa with her husband, two cats, and a dog.

### **Nancy M. Leak, illustrator**

Maryland artist Nancy Leak is a specialist in printmaking. She works and exhibits with a group of seven women called Printmakers Plus, as well as with other local and national organizations. Her hand-pulled original etchings, many of them miniatures, have won recognition all over the United States.



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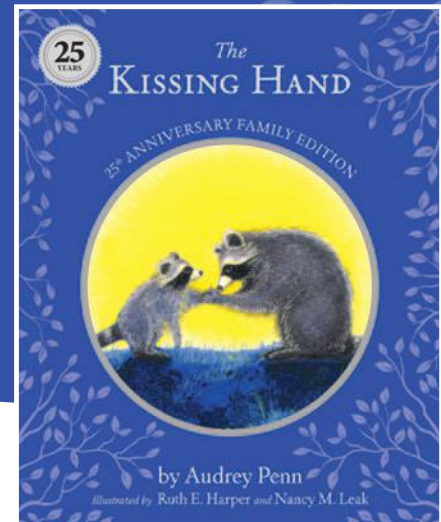
Cut out the pattern below. Glue it on a paper plate or piece of construction paper. Decorate and color it. Write "I Love You" around it. Give it to someone you love with a Kissing Hand.



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## FUN AT SCHOOL DRAWING

Mrs. Raccoon promises Chester that he will meet new friends, play with new toys, and read new books at school. What is a new thing you played or discovered at school?

I played/discovered \_\_\_\_\_



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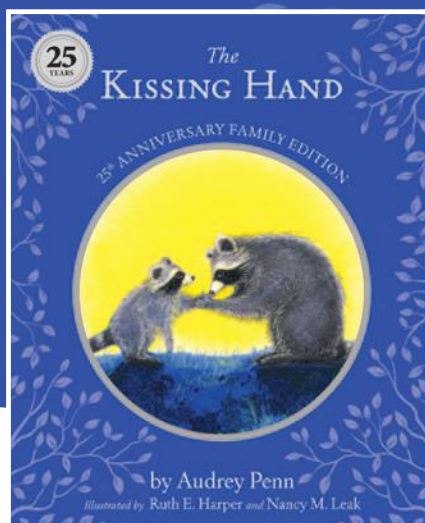
## FAVORITE ANIMAL PICTURE

There are at least 26 animals in the illustrations of THE KISSING HAND. How many of them can you find? Draw one of your favorites here.

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Color Chester Raccoon!



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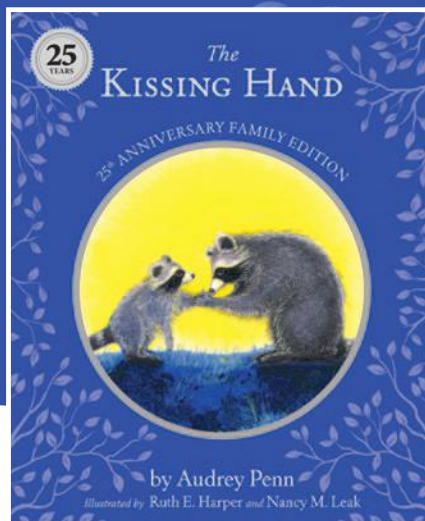
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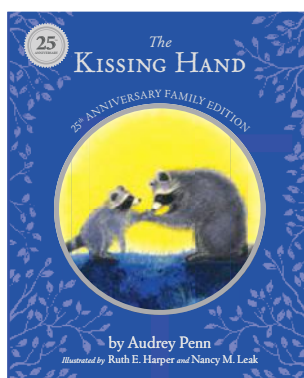
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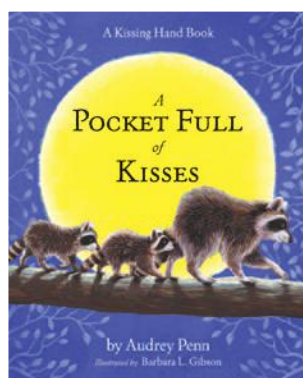
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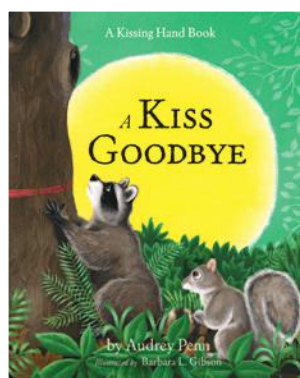
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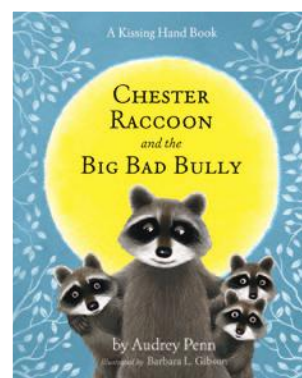
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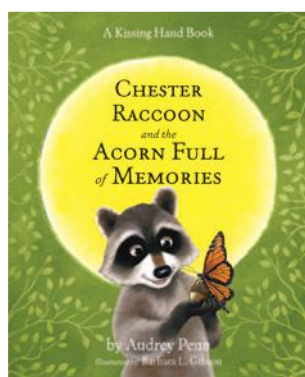
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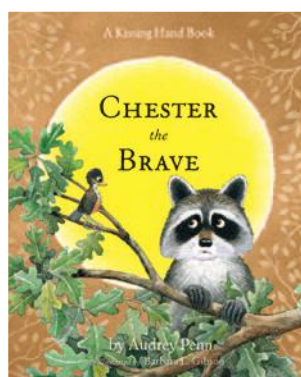
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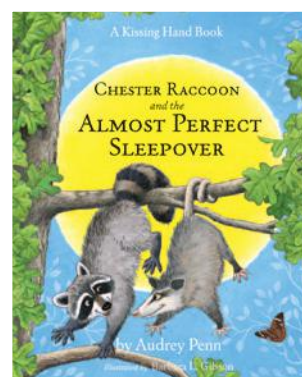
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