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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
The narrator of this beguiling lift-the-flap book spies a sign in a pet shop announcing: "Everything Must Go!"; an unexpected sales pitch ensues?as does an unobtrusive lesson in counting and adding. Hiding behind the lift-the-flap sign is a tiny rat missing half of his whiskers, calling, "I'm only 1 cent! Choose me!" As the rat tries to talk the boy out of purchasing a variety of other increasingly pricey pets, his tactics will amuse readers of all ages. Seeing three creatures, concealed under a sign advertising a salamander, skink and gecko, the child asks which one is which and the rat quips, "Nobody knows! Nobody cares!.... Sausages on legs! You don't want one of THOSE!" A gatefold with an unexpected pop-up brings this tale to a cheerful close. Funny text, an amiable menagerie, sturdy pages and some inventive extras (the rat has bitten off the corner of one page, to prove to his prospective owner that he isn't a fussy eater) make this paper-over-board volume almost as irresistible as its fast-talking protagonist. Ages 3-6.
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From School Library Journal
PreSchool-When a young boy sees a sign on the pet shop door proclaiming, "EVERYTHING MUST GO!" he enters-only to be badgered by a pesky rat who wants the boy to buy him. The rat, on sale for one cent, follows the youngster as he counts off the usual and unusual animals that are available at bargain rates. The price tags increase, all the way up to 10 cents, which would buy the boy a box of "assorted little brown creatures." "Boring! Boring! Boring!" shouts the rat. "I'm not boring!" The steal of the millennium is a Komodo dragon for just 25 cents. This silences the bothersome rat, who sadly exclaims, "You're not going to choose me, are you?" Inkpen keeps the pages clean and neat with plenty of white space surrounding his animals. Lift-the-flap tabs are utilized throughout the story, although they don't really offer any surprises. The back page folds out to show the boy counting his cash ("$1.00 exactly") and collecting his purchases-the entire store, including the rat.
Lisa Gangemi Krapp, formerly at Sousa Elementary School, Port Washington, NY
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From Booklist
An Everything Must Go sign attracts the young, bespectacled narrator into a pet shop, where he immediately spots a rat for one cent. As the boy examines the parrot, platypus, koala, and other animals, the anxious rat points out its own sterling qualities and disparages the others. The salamander, skink, and gecko are merely "sausages on legs!" and others are "Boring! Boring! Boring!" At the Komodo dragon, the rat begins to despair, but the boy has a dollar, enough to purchase the entire menagerie, rat included. In the soft watercolor illustrations, all the creatures seem as sweet and engaging as stuffed animals, but the irrepressible rat makes the simple story sparkle. Some of the animals lurk under flaps, and the final page unfolds, revealing a pop-up pelican. Although appealing, this paper engineering may not withstand heavy library circulation, making this a more appealing choice for story hours. *Linda Perkins*

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