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Giles Andreae

Giles Andreae's first children's book, **Rumble in the Jungle**, was an instant success and has sold more than half a million copies. He has since gone from strength to strength and more recently **Giraffes Can't Dance** has become established as a perennial children's favourite. Giles ranks as one of the most successful children's authors working today. Giles has a gift for writing colourful and humorous verse for children, which is no surprise given that he is also the creator of *Purple Ronnie*, Britain's favourite stickman. This phenomenally successful cartoon character has made Giles the UK's top-selling poet and an icon of contemporary popular culture. **The Chimpanzees of Happytown** is his most recent title for Orchard Books. It tells the story of Chutney the Chimp, as he and his beautiful tree help to spread colour and happiness throughout the town of Drabsville, much to the disgust of the town's mayor. Giles lives with his wife Victoria, a children's clothes designer, and their four children in London and Wiltshire.