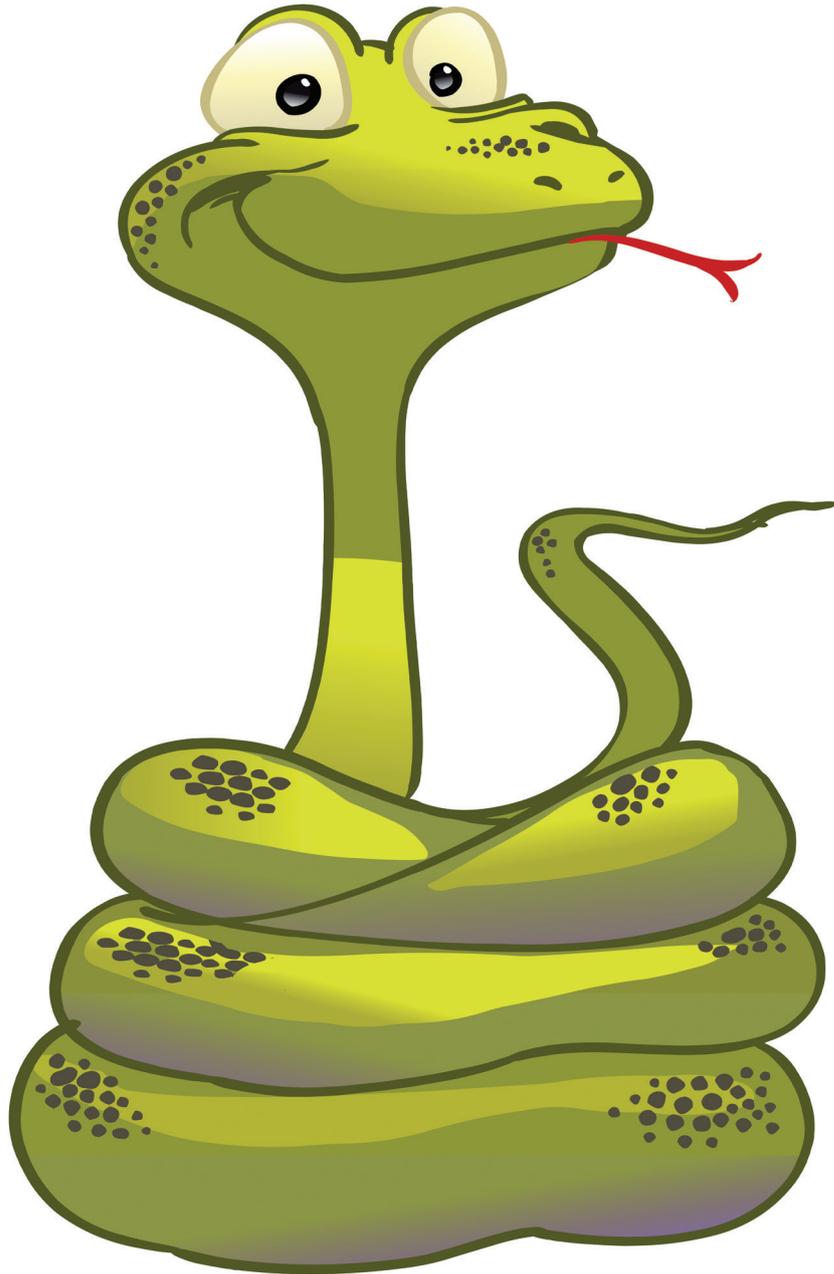


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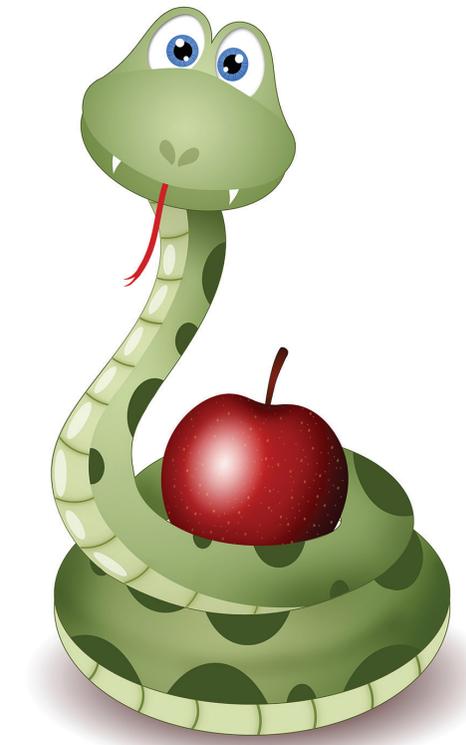
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Dedicated to Eve

(with all due apologies)



True? False? Probably.

True? False? Who knows?



So this is my story, told by me. And it wasn't easy.

Writing with a pencil is too hard for us snakes. Even if we get our mouth around it, we're just too close to the page to read.

So I had to type this book.

Not on a computer of course. I don't really understand computers.

On an old typewriter.

Also, I want you to know that all of the facts in this book are true.

It's the lies, exaggerations, and fabrications that are not.

True? False? Both.



First of all, let me say this.

Leave me alone.

True? False? Maybe.

Don't step on me. Don't grab me. Don't chase me.

Then we'll get along just fine.

True? False? Certainly!

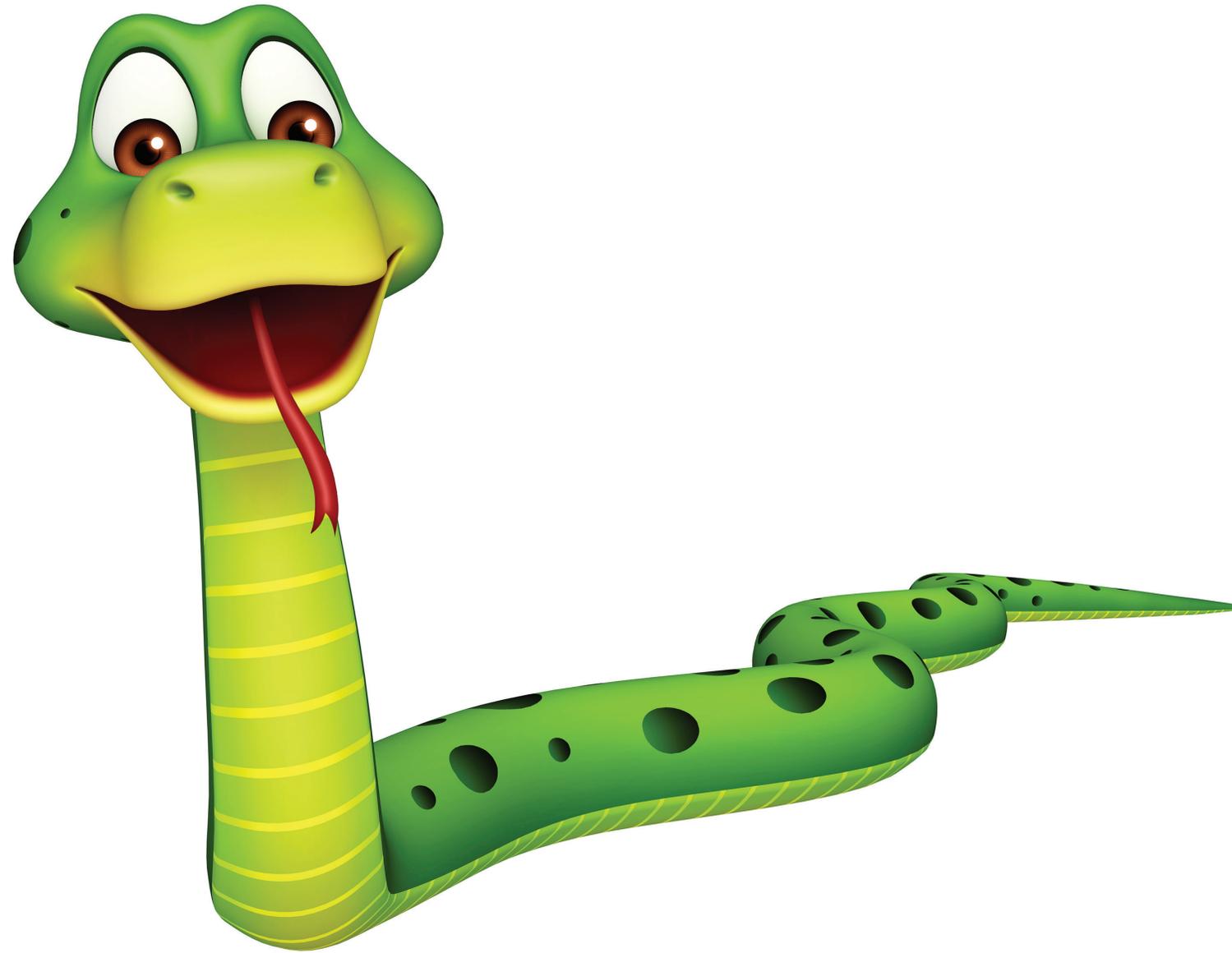


I'll bet the first thing you want to know is,
"Am I poisonous?"

True? False? Ahm, yeah!

We'll talk about that later.

True? False? Why not *NOW*?



You shouldn't always be so afraid of snakes.
We're actually pretty cool.

We're quiet. We don't bark, or moo, or cock-a-doodle-doo.

We stay out of your way as much as we can.

My skin is pretty. (I shed it occasionally.)

True? False? Really?

We don't dig up your garden or chase your pets.

We don't smoke cigars or cigarettes.

Considering that we don't have legs, arms, hands, feet,
ears, eyelids, wings, flippers, fins, fur, claws, or horns,
we do pretty well.

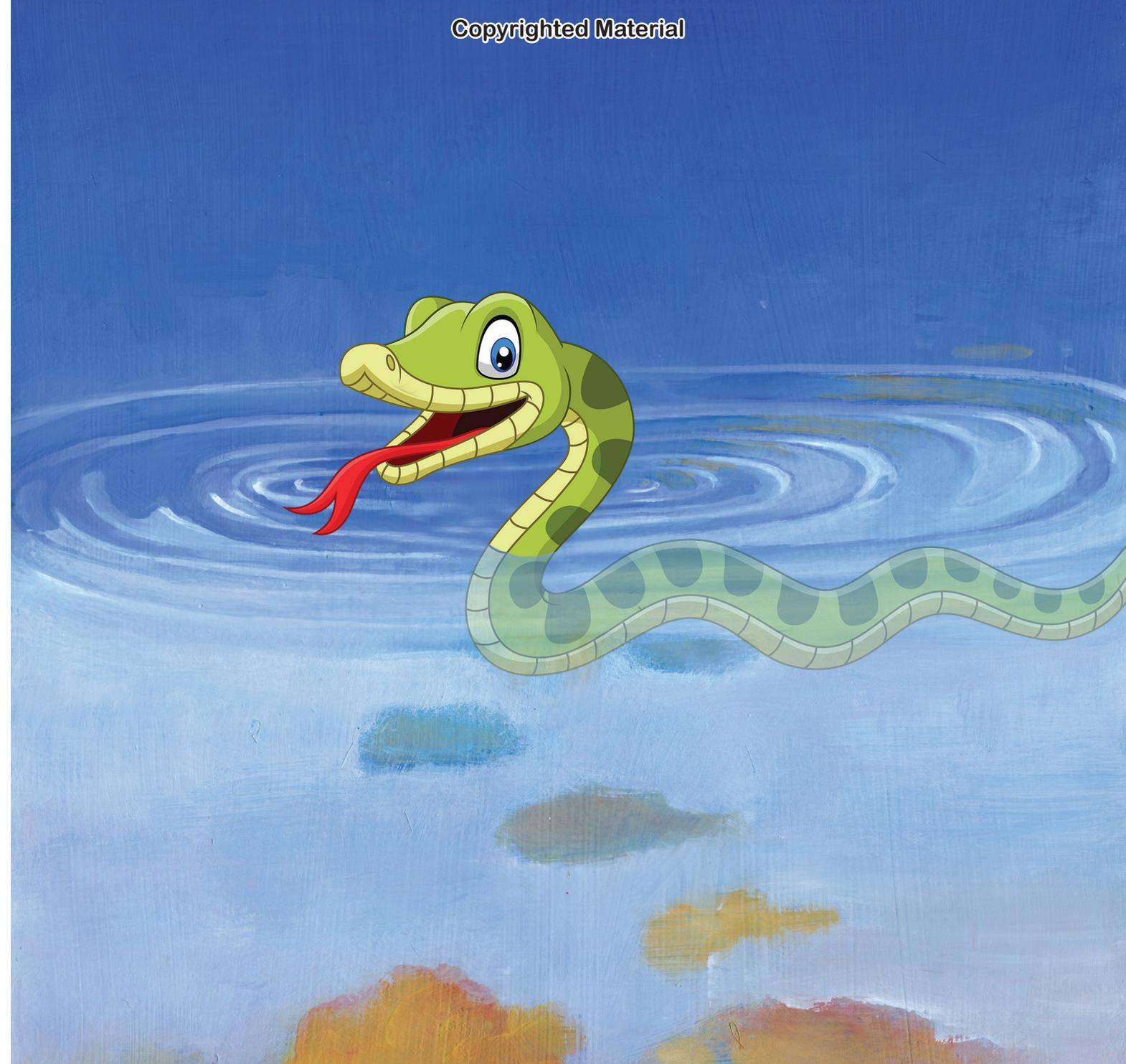
True? False? Dubious.



We can climb.

I can go up a tree or a fence post or a telephone pole.
That's good because I'm certainly not very tall.

True? False? Neither.



Oddly enough, I can swim even though I can't paddle or kick.

Some snakes even live in the ocean. (But not at the beach.)

True? False? I hope not!



I can't fly, of course, except down.

After I climb a tree I can fly straight down from it, onto the ground or into water.

That happens. It's a lot like falling.

True? False? Oops.

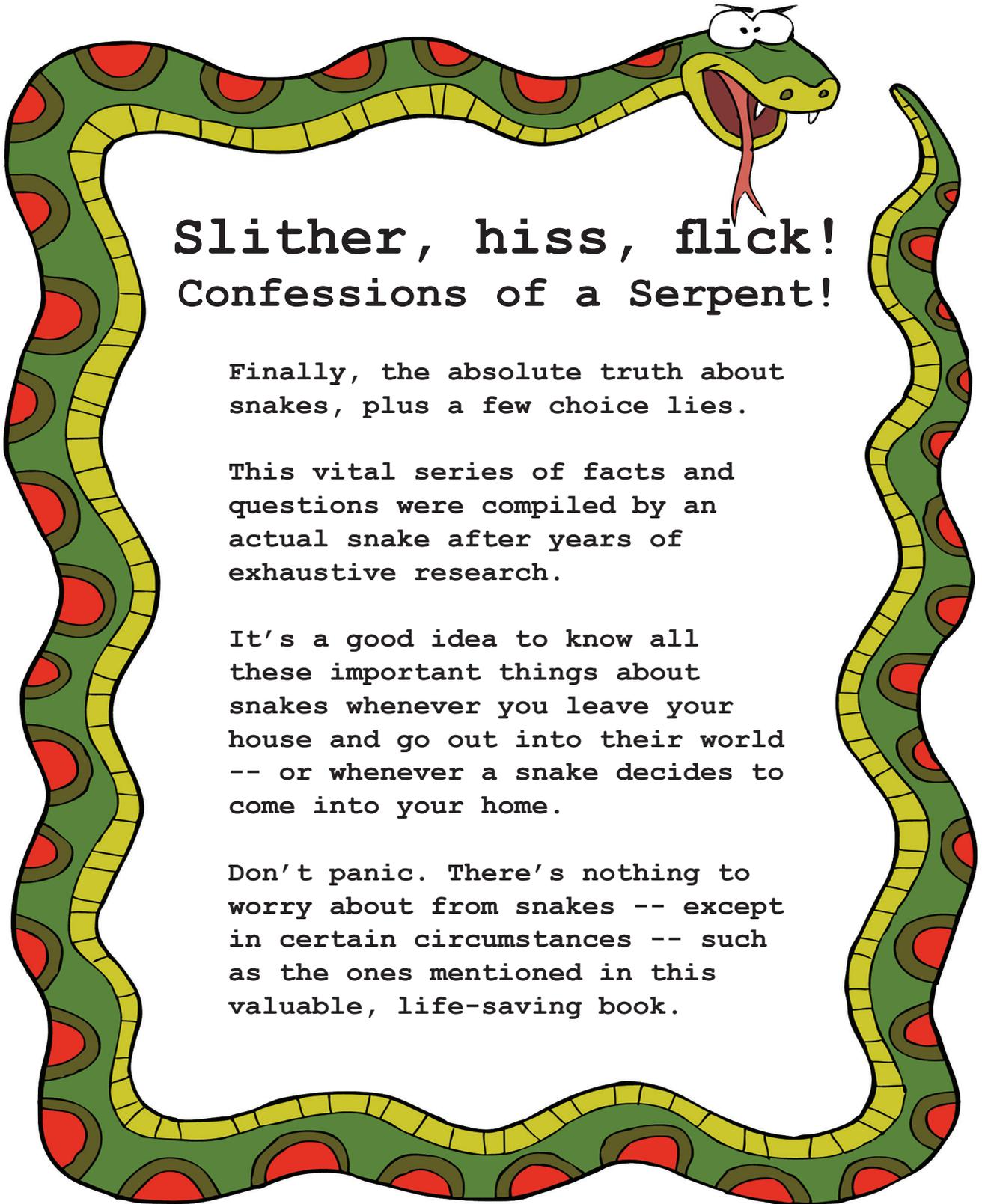


There are some snakes called "flying snakes," but they don't really fly.

Flying snakes can only glide, cruising from one tree to a lower spot on another tree.

But it looks like flying. And it looks like fun.

True? False? Neither.



Slither, hiss, flick! Confessions of a Serpent!

Finally, the absolute truth about snakes, plus a few choice lies.

This vital series of facts and questions were compiled by an actual snake after years of exhaustive research.

It's a good idea to know all these important things about snakes whenever you leave your house and go out into their world -- or whenever a snake decides to come into your home.

Don't panic. There's nothing to worry about from snakes -- except in certain circumstances -- such as the ones mentioned in this valuable, life-saving book.