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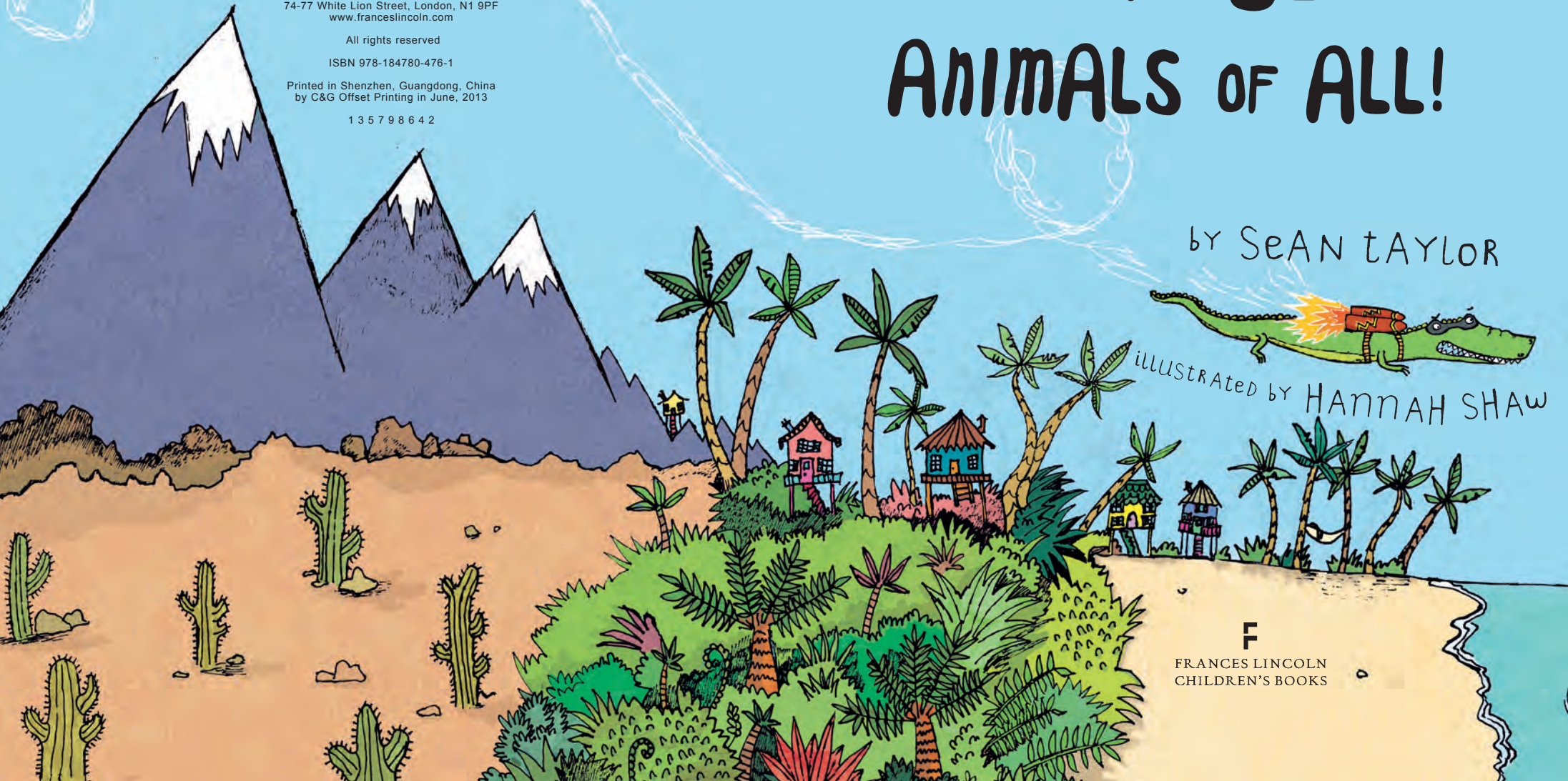
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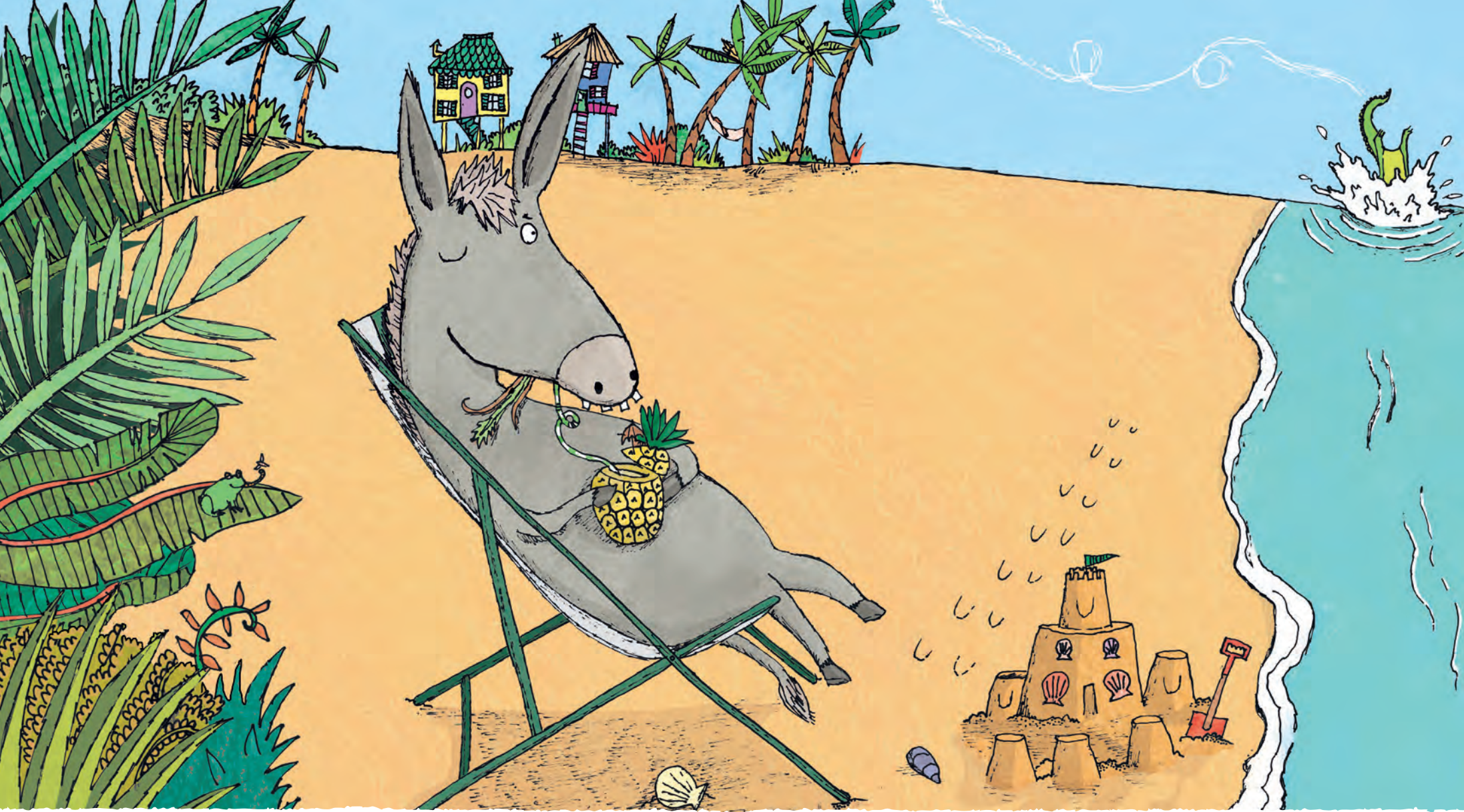
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A donkey gave a nod of his head.  
He chewed a bit and then he said,

"My ears may wiggle and my teeth may be wonky,  
but nothing is better than being a donkey!"



"I am better!" came a load boast. "I could eat you for breakfast with buttered toast!"

Up came a crocodile, swimming front crawl. He said, "Crocodiles are the best animals of all!"



The donkey asked, "Is that true?  
I bet some of us can do things you can't do!"  
"Oh!" snapped the crocodile. "How wrong you are!  
Whatever you do, I do better by far!"

"You can't swing through the trees"  
said an orang-utan.  
"Ah-ha!" said the crocodile, "You bet I can!"



"I can cross a whole forest swinging by my arms!  
I can loop the loop from banana palms!"

He did it without a slip or a fall, hissing,  
"Crocodiles are the best animals of all!"