

The book cover features a vibrant background with a yellow-to-green gradient at the top and a blue-to-purple gradient at the bottom. Several cartoon characters are scattered across the scene: a red character with a wide, toothy grin and a small tuft of black hair is in the upper right; a blue character with a single eye and a small tuft of hair is in the upper left; a pink character with a single eye and a small tuft of hair is in the lower left; a yellow character with a single eye and a small tuft of hair is at the bottom center; and an orange character with a single eye and a small tuft of hair is in the lower right. Dashed black lines form a path that starts from the top left, goes to the blue character, then to the red character, and then to the orange character. The title 'Greedy Apostrophe' is written in large, bold, red letters, and 'A Cautionary Tale' is written in smaller, bold, purple letters below it. The author's name 'by JAN CARR' and the illustrator's name 'illustrated by ETHAN LONG' are written in white, sans-serif font at the bottom of the cover.

Greedy Apostrophe

A Cautionary Tale

by JAN CARR

illustrated by ETHAN LONG

The morning was hushed as the punctuation marks stumbled, still sleepy, still clutching their cups of cocoa, into Hiring Hall. A question mark hung over the hall. The question that all of the punctuation marks were asking was:

What jobs would they be assigned?





"Will they be good ones?" wondered the question marks.
"Of course they will!" exclaimed the exclamation points.



Their cousins the commas clustered excitedly. They too were eager to receive their assignments, for commas are a helpful bunch, as are punctuation marks in general.



"The clever text explains some fairly complex punctuation rules in a humorous way that certainly beats any boring grammar workbook. . . . Elementary-school teachers will want to give Greedy Apostrophe a gold star for his efforts, for it's a rare teaching tool that conveys its lessons while being funny as well."
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Zany. . . . The expressions on Long's bright and quirky punctuation people will delight early elementary listeners."
—*School Library Journal*

