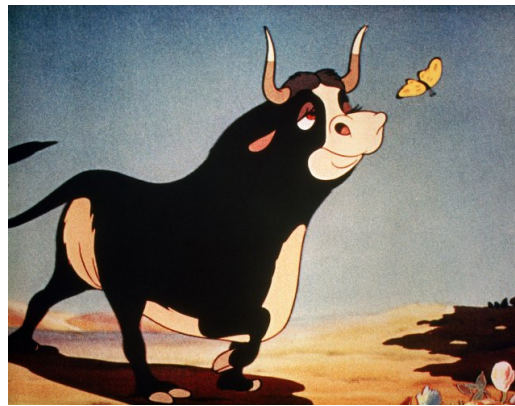


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### Book Review #1

*The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf (1938)  
Illustrations by Robert Lawson



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I chose this book because the boys I babysit picked it out for me to read to them. While reading it, they followed along with each word and I could tell that their reading skills were really developing; additionally, this book is adorable and perfectly simple, which is why I chose to create a cute playlist for the main character, Ferdinand the bull. He is expected to be rowdy and fight with the other bulls, but all he wants to do is smell the flowers under his favorite cork tree. "Ferdinand the Bull" combines simple, creative storytelling and engaging illustrations that young readers can enjoy.

1. "Ferdinand The Bull"
  - In 1938, Walt Disney created a cartoon based off of Munro Leaf's original story.
2. "Summertime" by Ella Fitzgerald
  - Ferdinand is living easy under his cork tree in the sweet summer heat.
3. "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" by Tiny Tim
  - Ferdinand loves to sit and smell his flowers.
4. Spanish Flamenco Guitar by Yannick Lebossé

- Classic guitar piece from Madrid
- 5. "Bulerias" by Camaron de la Isla & Paco de Lucia
  - Famous Spanish Flamenco singer
- 6. "Espana Cani" by Paso Doble
  - Bull fight song
- 7. "Don't Wanna Fight" by Alabama Shakes
  - Ferdinand definitely does not wanna fight no more.
- 8. "San Francisco" by Scott McKenzie
  - Ferdinand loves the girls with flowers in their hair because he wants to smell them.
- 9. "Why Can't We Be Friends" by WAR
  - Ferdinand just wants to be happy and for everyone else to be happy too.
- 10. "Steal My Sunshine" by Len
  - No one can steal Ferdinand's sunshine; he's always content with himself.
- 11. "In the Summertime" by Mungo Jerry
  - Ferdinand is carefree in the summertime.
- 12. "Easy" by Lionel Richie
  - Ferdinand is easygoing and relaxed all the time.
- 13. "Go Your Own Way" by Fleetwood Mac
  - Ferdinand goes his own way by not taking part in the bullfights.
- 14. "Happy" by Pharrell Williams
  - Ferdinand is always happy and wants to stay that way.
- 15. "Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree" by Tony Orlando & Dawn
  - This song reminded me of Ferdinand's cork tree.