



Book Kits for the 2020 Beehive Book Awards Picture Book Nominees

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When Pigs Fly



Can I Be Your Dog?

Author: Troy Cummings
Publisher: Random House
Publication Date: 2018
ISBN: 9780399554520
Grade Level: PreK-2



Description

Bound and determined to find a home, Arfy writes letters to *everyone* on Butternut Street. Honestly, he's the best dog you could ever want. He's obedient! He's housebroken! He even has his own squeaky bone! Who will adopt Arfy in the end? You'll never guess! Troy Cummings's hilarious and heart-tugging story will make you want to run and hug your nearest furry friend!

Themes

Animals, dogs, humorous stories, letters, letter writing, loneliness, pet adoption, pets.

Author Information

Troy Cummings has written and/or illustrated more than 30 children's books. His illustrations have appeared on magazine covers, jigsaw puzzles, card games, posters, cookbooks, greeting cards, and a box of fish sticks. Troy lives in Indiana with his wife, two kids, two cats, and three robots. More about Troy: troycumplings.net

Discussion Questions

1. How do you think Arfy became homeless?
2. Why do we have animal shelters? Are they all bad animals?
3. Have you seen any abandoned or abused pets before?
4. What did those animals look like? Happy or sad? Thin or fat? Healthy or sick?
5. What are some things people can do to prevent having to give a pet to a shelter?

Activities

1. Active—Animal Tag: theinspiredtreehouse.com/animal-tag-game-for-kids
2. Craft—Easy Origami Dog: redtedart.com/easy-origami-dog-puppy
3. Craft—Spring Dog: messforless.net/paper-crafts-for-kids-spring-dog
4. Game—The Perfect Pet: cochranehumane.ca/education/volunteerism/attachments/9.1perfect-pet.pdf
5. Music—Kid Songs About Dogs: zoogobble.com/blog/2015/1/8/kids-songs-about-dogs
6. STEAM—Build a Shelter to Protect a UV-Sensitive Animal: buggyandbuddy.com/sun-shelter
7. Writing—Letter Writing Using Picture Books: ericasedventures.com/letter-writing



More Resources

1. American Kennel Club: akc.org
2. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty: aspca.org
3. Dog Health Center: pets.webmd.com/dogs
4. The Humane Society: humanesociety.org
5. An Introduction to Letter Writing: readingrockets.org/article/introduction-letter-writing
6. Making Friends: theeducatorsspinonit.com/teaching-kids-how-to-make-friends
7. Pet Dogs: animalplanet.com/pets/dogs
8. Utah Animal Adoption Center: utahanimals.org
9. Your Guide to Dogs: vetstreet.com/dogs

Similar Books

- *Arthur Goes to Camp* by Marc Tolon Brown
- *A Ball for Daisy* by Christopher Raschka
- *Cowpoke Clyde and Dirty Dawg* by Lori Mortensen
- *Dear Dragon* by Josh Funk
- *Good Dog* by Cori Doerrfeld
- *A Letter for Leo* by Sergio Ruzzier
- *Madeline at the White House* by John Bememlmans Marciano
- *Olive, My Love* by Vivian Walsh
- *Paloma* by Cynthia Lord
- *Poor Puppy and Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel
- *Rocket Writes a Story* by Tad Hills
- *Snail Mail* by Samantha Berger

Related Non-fiction

- *Big Dogs, Little Dogs : a Visual Guide to the World's Dogs* by Jim Medway
- *Bob the Railway Dog : the True Story of an Adventurous Dog* by Corinne Fenton
- *How to Write a Letter* by Cecilia Minden
- *Just Pick Us, Please!* by Mercer Mayer
- *Pet Rescue* by Elsie Olson
- *Woof! : 100 Fun Facts About Dogs* by Elizabeth Carney



A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale

Author: Penny Parker Klostermann

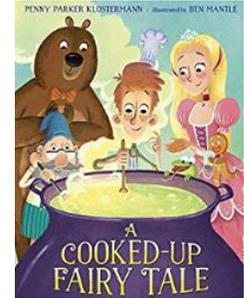
Illustrator: Ben Mantel

Publisher: Random House

Publication Date: 2017

ISBN: 9781101932322

Grade Level: PreK-2



Description

In the magical land of fairy tales, William doesn't quite fit in. He'd rather poach pears than pursue princesses, and he values gnocchi over knighthood. When he stumbles on a delivery of food destined for Fairy-Tale Headquarters (a pumpkin, apples, and a few measly beans), he decides to spice things up and whips the paltry ingredients into delectable dishes. But as you might have guessed, Snow White's wicked stepmother doesn't exactly want her magic apple baked and drizzled with caramel. The team that brought you *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight* delivers a hilariously fractured, whipped, and souffléed fairy tale that is chock-full of delicious details and jokes to satisfy every appetite.

Themes

Fairy tales, folklore, humorous stories, cooking, food.

Author Information

Penny Parker Klostermann is the author of *There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight* and *A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale*, both from Random House Children's Books. She loves all kinds of books, but especially loves very silly picture books that make her laugh. She has been known to hug her favorite picture books and seriously hopes that someday her books will gain huggable status too. More about Penny: pennyklostermann.com

Discussion Questions

1. What is a fairy tale? What is a fractured fairy tale?
2. Who tells the story in *A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale*?
3. Although William prefers kitchens to kingdoms, he interacts with many Magical Land of Fairy Tales characters. What characters does he meet and what fairy tales are they from?
4. How was each traditional fairy tale changed in *A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale*?
5. What problem had to be solved to end the story "happily ever after"?

Activities

1. Classroom Collaboration—Giant Beanstalk: <http://kindergartennation.com/jack-and-the-beanstalk-craft-make-your-own-giant-beanstalk>
2. Craft—Dragon's Fire Slime: smallworldspreschool.com/dragons-fire-slime
3. Cooking—Fruit Swords and Magic Wands: rainydaymum.co.uk/fruit-swords-and-magic-wands-quick-snacks-for-kids/#sthash.zS14FHFh.gjtU
4. Edible Science—Butter in a Jar: littlebinsforlittlehands.com/make-homemade-butter-thanksgiving-edible-science
5. Game—Nutrition Activity for Kids: superhealthykids.com/nutrition-activity-for-kids



6. STEAM—Build a Shelter to Protect a UV-Sensitive Animal: buggyandbuddy.com/sun-shelter
7. Storytelling—Walking the Fairy Tale: airydustteaching.com/2011/01/walking-path-of-fairy-tale
8. Writing—Fractured Fairy Tales: readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/fractured-fairy-tales-30062.html
9. Writing/Art—Fairy Tale Unit: <http://tickledpinkmandy.blogspot.com/2011/05/fairy-tale-unit.html>

More Resources

1. My Plate Kids' Place: choosemyplate.gov/kids
2. Cooking With Kids: cookingwithkids.org
3. Fairy Tale Crafts: redtedart.com/fairy-tale-crafts-activities/
4. Fairy Tales Online: storynory.com/archives/fairy-tales/
5. World of Tales: worldoftales.com/fairy_tales.html

Similar Books

- *Cinder Edna* by Ellen Jackson
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Even Aliens Need Snacks* by Matthew McElligott
- *Fairy Trails* by Susan Middleton Elya
- *Goldilocks and the Three Vampires* by Laurie Sutton
- *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein
- *Interstellar Cinderella* by Deborah Underwood
- *Jack and the Baked Beanstalk* by Colin Stimpson
- *Jak and the Magic Nano-Beans* by Carl Bowen
- *Up Ninja Red Riding Hood* by Corey Rosen Schwartz
- *Toucans, Too* by Behtanie Deeney Murguia
- *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!* by Jon Scieszka

Related Non-fiction

- *Complete Children's Cookbook* by DK Publishing
- *Cook Me a Story : a Treasury of Stories and Recipes Inspired by Classic Fairy Tales* by Bryan Kozlowski
- *Fairy Tale Feasts : a Literary Cookbook for Young Readers and Eaters* by Jane Yolen
- *Grumbles From the Forest : Fairy-Tale Voices with a Twist* by Jane Yolen
- *How to Write a Fractured Fairy Tale* by Nel Yomtov
- *Kids Cooking : Students Prepare and Eat Foods from Around the World* by George Ancona
- *A Superhero Cookbook : Simple Recipes for Kids* by Sarah Schuette



Title Knock Knock

Author: Tammi Sauer

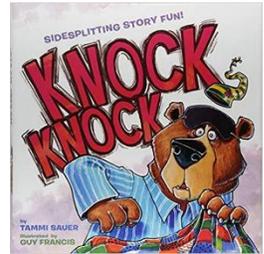
Illustrator: Guy Francis

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

ISBN: 9781338116946

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten



Description

Knock Knock is a fresh and innovative method of humorous storytelling that uses knock-knock jokes to tell the story of Bear and his woodland friends Raccoon, Rabbit, Turtle, and others. With each new visitor, Bear grows increasingly frustrated at his lack of peace and quiet. Little does Bear know that his friends have a surprise in store for him -- a happy hibernation party!

Themes

Bears, forest animals, hibernation, jokes

Author Information

Tammi Sauer is a former teacher and library media specialist. She has sold more than 25 picture books to major publishing houses. In addition to winning awards, her books have gone on to do great things. More information about her can be found on her webpage: <http://www.tammissauer.com/>

Discussion Questions

1. What is bear trying to do?
2. Bear is getting very angry. Is there something that makes you angry?
3. How many friends come to Bear's door? What are things you like to do with your friends? What are characteristics of good friends?
4. What are the different seasons? What do you like to do in each season?
5. What are the different emotions bear has through the story?

Activities

1. Create their own knock knock jokes and share with friends.
2. October 30th is National Sleep In Day. Take a poll on who likes to sleep in and who doesn't. Graph your results.
3. Bear's friends throw a surprise party before he hibernates. Plan a surprise party with a budget of \$100.
4. Research what animals need to survive in winter. Talk about migration, adaptation and hibernation. Sort animals on whether they hibernate or not. Which animal hibernates the longest? Why don't humans hibernate? How is hibernation different from sleep?
5. Discuss the differences between the seasons? Make collages of each season and what it looks like to you.
6. Research the animals in the book and create animal reports.

More Resources



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1. Scholastic site for *Knock, Knock*: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/knock-knock-by-tammi-sauer/>

Similar Books

- *Bear Snores on* by Karma Wilson
- *Time to Sleep* by Denise Fleming
- *Hibernation Station* by Michelle Meadows
- *Tap the Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson
- *Goodnight Already!* By Jory John
- *Lots of Knock-Knock Jokes for Kids* by Whee Winn

Related Non-fiction

- *Animals in Winter* by Henrietta Bancroft and Richard Van Gelder
- *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner
- *Forest Adventure: Fantastic Forest animals*
- *Animals in the Forest* by Jon Wood
- *Joke books*



My Pillow Keeps Moving

Author: Laura Gehl

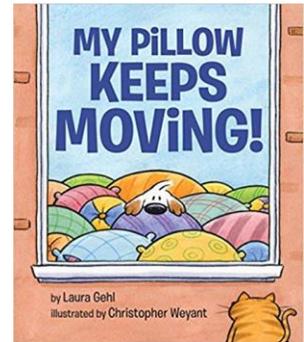
Illustrator: Christopher Weyant

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

ISBN: 978-0425288245

Grade Level: PreK-3rd, 4-8 years old



Description

A clever pup ends up in a cozy home, and she'll do anything to stay there. She impersonates everything the lonely homeowner needs--a pillow, a footstool, a jacket. But in the end, being herself works best.

Themes

Cats, dog adoption, dogs, family, footstool, humorous, jacket, loneliness, pillow, retail stores

Author Information

Laura Gehl is the author of popular picture books including One Big Pair of Underwear and the Peep and Egg series. She lives in Chevy Chase, MD with her husband, four children, and a large stash of dark chocolate.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does the dog pretend to be a pillow? Footstool? Jacket?
2. Is the customer happy with his purchases? Why or why not?
3. What makes a _____ a _____?
4. Why does the pillow keep moving?
5. Is the clerk misleading the customer with his questions?

Activities

1. Kids will have lots of fun making this easy origami dog. It's easy to fold and fun to draw the face on when you're done. Just follow the instructions and pictures and you'll have your very own easy origami dog! <https://www.origamiway.com/easy-origami-dog.shtml>
2. Have someone from an animal shelter discuss pets and how to care for them.
3. Create art with watercolor and ink.
4. Have a discussion about loneliness and how to make a difference. <https://study.com/academy/lesson/loneliness-lesson-plan.html>
5. What is happiness? Make a list of what makes you happy.

More Resources

1. Where did pillows come from, and when were they invented? Pillows have a long and colorful history. Share the history of the pillow. <https://www.protectabed.com/learn/pillows/history-of-pillows/>
2. What is a footstool? <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Footstool>
3. Farts: which animals do, which don't, and why. <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/4/3/17188186/does-it-fart-book-animal-farts-dinosaur-farts>
4. Is the customer always right? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOTqJBUGIHA>
5. Take a field trip to a retail store.



Similar Books

- *Hoodwinked* by Arthur Howard
- *I Am Not a Chair!* By Ross Burach
- *Charlotte and the Rock* by Stephen Martin
- *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *A Cat Is A Cat (Not a Dog!)* by Liz Lim
- *Isle of You* by David LaRochele

Related Non-fiction

- *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan
- *A Dog by any other Name is not the Same* by J.G. Piper
- *My Actions Matter: A Book on Life Values* by Kayla Marnach
- *Foot + Stool = Footstool* by Amanda Rondeau



My Toothbrush is Missing

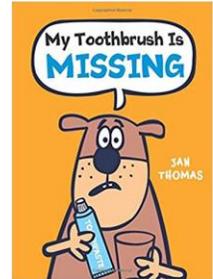
Author: Thomas, Jan

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

ISBN: 9780544966352

Grade Level: P-1



Description

Dog's toothbrush is missing. Has anybody seen it? Maybe . . . *But what does a toothbrush look like?* Donkey wonders. Featuring Jan Thomas's wonderfully wacky humor, rowdy repetitions, and hilarious characters, this book is sure to have young readers laughing out loud!

Themes

Animals, Dogs, Friendship, Humor, Lost and found, Toothbrushes

Author Information

There is very little to be found about the author. This is about as much information as you can get. Jan Thomas is the creator of *Rhyming Dust Bunnies*; *Can You Make a Scary Face?*; *Here Comes the Big, Mean Dust Bunny!*; *Is Everyone Ready for Fun?*; and *Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy*. She lives with her family in Socorro, New Mexico. <https://www.simonandschuster.com/authors/Jan-Thomas/49419937>

Jan Thomas website: <http://www.janthomasbooks.com/Home.html>;

Discussion Questions

1. There are 5 animals in the book. In what locations could you see these animals all in one place?
2. Dog is carrying toothpaste and an empty glass. What uses can Dog use the glass for? Think about brushing teeth, drinking, games, and other craft or STEAM ideas.
3. There is foreshadowing, or clues to show what happened to the toothbrush. What clues were given to show that Donkey had it? What foreshadowing would you use?
4. After Dog tells the Giggle Gang his toothbrush is missing, the gang is always lined up in a certain order. What order is it? Can you think of other ways the illustrator could have ordered them?
5. In the book, Donkey asks what a toothbrush looks like and the other animals don't seem to know either. Discuss proper dental care and basic hygiene. You could also discuss how animals keep their teeth healthy.

Activities

1. Play I Spy and see if the clues given help you identify the object.
2. You have 5 senses. Use various senses to identify objects. Examples: See if you can guess a food by smell alone, taste alone or by how it sounds while it is cooking. You can use blindfolds and have someone feel an object to guess what it is.
3. In the book, Donkey finds objects that match the description Dog gives for the toothbrush. Describe something and see if you can find multiple other objects that matches that same description.



4. Authors like Jan Thomas and Mo Willems are known for their repetition and simple plot line and illustrations. Try telling your own story and/or illustrations.
5. Use the tips in the back of the book to help your child learn to read. Read the book to your child. Read the book together. Encourage your child to read the book over and over again.

More Resources

1. Jan Thomas website: <http://www.janthomasbooks.com/Home.html>
2. Jan Thomas website, Things To Do: <http://www.janthomasbooks.com/thingstodo.html>
3. Facebook Rhyming Dust Bunnies <https://www.facebook.com/Rhyming-Dust-Bunnies-140257329379142/>

Similar Books

- *My Pillow Keeps Moving!* By: Laura Gehl
- *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* By: Julia Sarcone-Roach
- *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!* By: Mo Willems (plus other in the series as well as *Elephant & Piggie* books)
- *Bark, George* By: Jules Feiffer
- *The Adventures of Beekle* By: Dan Santat
- Authors: other books by this author, Jan Thomas; Mo Willems; Dav Pilkey; David Shannon

Related Non-fiction

- *Someone Used My Toothbrush and Other Bathroom Poems* By: Carol Diggory Shields
- *The Tooth Book: A Guide to Healthy Teeth & Gums* By: Edward Miller
- *Brush Floss, & Rinse: Caring for your Teeth and Gums* By: Amanda Doering Tourville
- *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* By: Jon Scieszka
- *The Other Side of the Story* fairytale series by Picture Window Books publisher with various illustrators
- *Big Nate* non-fiction series By: Lincoln Peirce
- *Unlikely Friendships: 47 Remarkable Stories from the Animal Kingdom* By: Jennifer S Holland
- *The Dog & The Piglet: And Four Other True Stories of Animal Friendships* By: Jennifer S Holland
- *Sniffer & Tinni: A True Tale of Amazing Animal Friendship* By: Berit Helberg & Torgeir Berge
- *Adorable Animal Friendships* By: Virginia Loh-Hagan



Petra

Author: Marianna Coppo

Publisher: Tundra Books

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

ISBN: 0735262675

Grade Level: Preschool-2



Description

Petra is a little rock who believes she is a mighty mountain . . . until a dog fetches her for its owner, and she is tossed into a bird's nest. A mountain? No, Petra is now an egg! An egg in a world of possibility. Until she's flung into a pond, and becomes an amazing island . . . and, eventually, a little girl's pet rock. What will she be tomorrow? Who knows? But she's a rock, and this is how she rolls!

Themes

Rocks, Imagination, Confidence, Optimism, Humor

Author Information

Marianna Coppo is an author/illustrator from Italy. She studied editorial illustration at MiMaster in Milan, and now focuses on freelance illustration in Rome. She is one of the curators of Tentacoli, and independent label which specializes in fanzines and handmade products. *Petra* is her first picture book.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have to have a bad attitude if things aren't going your way, or do you think it's possible to have a good attitude even when things you don't like are happening? Tell me why.
2. How are you strong like a mountain?
3. Even though Petra's surroundings change, she chooses what to be. Have you had any major changes in your life? What did you choose to be when the change happened?
4. What possibilities do you have?
5. Do you have a pet rock, or other object that you love to play with? How did you find it? What do you like about it?

Activities

1. Make pet rocks. Provide several different art materials for kids to use their imagination to turn a rock into something else.
2. Have students put a variety of items in order of size. (Leaves, shoes, pencils, books)
3. Do a meditation with kids to increase optimism and mindfulness.
4. Provide a paper with many roundish shapes and have the kids turn them into as many different objects as possible. Discuss the possibilities.
5. What other items could Petra have decided to be? Brainstorm some other places that she could have landed and what she could be in them then write a story as a group about how she got there.

More Resources

1. Educational resources and games about rocks: <https://kidsloverocks.com/>



2. What is my home made of (Rocks & Minerals):
http://www.onegeology.org/extra/kids/rocks_and_minerals.html
3. Making movement and mindfulness part of the classroom and home. You can create a free family account. There are meditation and mindfulness videos: <https://www.gonoodle.com/>
4. Meditation apps for kids: <https://www.common sense media.org/lists/meditation-apps-for-kids>

Similar Books

- *That's Good! That's Bad!* By Margery Cuyler
- *You Are (Not) Small* by Anna Kang
- *It's Okay to Be Different* by Todd Parr
- *Big Bug* by Henry Cole
- *I am Peace* by Susan Verde
- *A Handful of Quiet* by Thich Nhat Hanh

Related Non-fiction

- *Geology Lab for Kids: 52 Projects to Explore Rocks, Gems, Geodes, Crystals, Fossils, and Other Wonders of the Earth's Surface* by Garret Romaine
- *National Geographic Kids Everything Rocks and Minerals: Dazzling gems of photos and info that will rock your world* by Steve Tomecek
- *Dream On! A book about possibilities* by Cheri J. Meiners
- *What to Do When You Grumble Too Much: a kids' guide to overcoming negativity* by Dawn Huebner
- *Optimism: sunny side up* by Jodie Shepherd



The Rabbit Listened

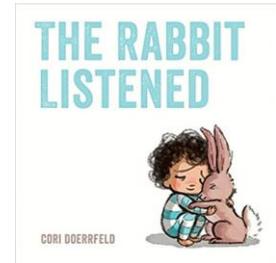
Author: Cori Doerrfeld

Publisher: Dial Books

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

ISBN: 978-0735229358

Grade Level: Preschool-First; but could be used with older kids and grown-ups



Description

When something terrible happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. All the animals are sure they have the answer. The chicken wants to talk it out, but Taylor doesn't feel like chatting. The bear thinks Taylor should get angry, but that's not quite right either. One by one, the animals try to tell Taylor how to process this loss, and one by one they fail. Then the rabbit arrives. All the rabbit does is listen, which is just what Taylor needs.

Themes

Animals, Animal Behavior, Blocks, Building, Compassion, Emotions, Empathy, Friendship, Grief, Growing Up, Imagination, Listening, Loss, Problem Solving, Rabbits.

Author Information

Cori received a B.A. in studio art from St. Olaf College, as well as her Post Baccalaureate in illustration from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. To date, she has illustrated numerous titles. Cori lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota and is married to comic book artist Tyler Page. Together they have two storytellers in the making-their daughter, Charli and their son, Leo.

Interview with the author about her writing career and a cool story about how and why she wrote the book <http://www.designofthepicturebook.com/the-rabbit-listened>

Discussion Questions

1. How did Rabbit help? Why did Rabbit just listen? What did this help Taylor do?
2. How can we use this book to be a better friends and help those we care about through difficult times?
3. What do you think about the ideas the animal's had for Taylor? Did some animals have good suggestions that work sometimes? Did some have ideas that usually do not help when dealing with feelings?
4. Have you ever had something you worked hard on or really love get destroyed or broken by someone else? How did you feel? What did you do? (feeling mad or sad is not bad. We are each in control of how we act when we feel that way.)
5. When you are feeling really upset, how have friends or parents tried to help? Did it help? What do you think you really needed?

Activities

1. Divide children into pairs. Let each child speak, about a problem if desired, while the other has to do nothing but listen; no comments. Then switch. How did it feel for someone to just listen? Was it hard to not speak?



2. Build with wooden blocks, make castles, houses etc. Talk about how it would feel if it got knocked down. Knock it down yourself and see if you can rebuild it.
3. Have the children act out different kinds of animals, especially the myths about how they act (example: ostriches bury their head) have children guess what animal the child is acting as.
4. Empathy/Feeling bracelets: Using Pony Beads have the children decide together which color bead best represents each feeling. Then, as you read the book again, have the children put the color bead on their bracelet that correlates with the feeling/emotion.
5. Feeling Cards: Finds some faces of children experiencing different emotions, cut some from magazines or print some from the internet. If you make two sets, younger kids can play a matching game. Older kids can draw a card and talk about a time they felt that way or what might make a friend feel that way.

More Resources

1. 5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions: <https://childhood101.com/helping-children-manage-big-emotions/>
2. Printable feelings flashcards and games: <https://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf/feelings-flashcards/>
3. How to listen so your kids will too: <https://www.heysigmund.com/empathetic-listening/>
4. *Happy Teachers Change the World: A guide for cultivating mindfulness in education* by Thich Nhat Hanh
5. *Unselfie: Why Empathetic ids succeed in an all-about-me world* by: Michelle Borba
6. CD: Gentle Hands and Other Sing-Along Songs for Social-Emotional Learning
7. DVD: What's Empathy? Do I have it?

Similar Fiction Books

- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate Dicamillo
- *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Eskine
- *Just Grace* by Charise Harper
- *Grumpy Monkey* by Suzanne Lang
- *Listen Buddy* by Helen Lester

Similar Non-Fiction Books

- *Empathy: I know how you feel!* b: Liz George
- *This is how we do it: One day in the life of seven kids from around the world* by Matt Lamothe
- *Buckets, Dippers and Lids: Secrets to your Happiness* by Carol McCloud
- *Stand in my Shoes: Kids learning empathy* by Bob Sornson



Walrus in the Bathtub

Author: Deborah Underwood

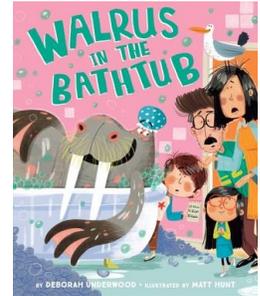
Illustrator: Matt Hunt

Publisher: Dial Books

Publication Date: July 10, 2018

ISBN: 9780803741010

Grade Level: K-3



Description

There's a lot to love about moving into a new home, but finding a walrus in the bathtub is *not* one of them. And, as it turns out, once a walrus settles in for a soak, it's pretty darn hard to get him out. What's a family to do?

Themes

Animals, family, friends, humor, perspective

Author Information

Deborah Underwood is the author of numerous fiction books for children and has written more than 25 nonfiction books for children. Her work has appeared in *National Geographic Kids*, *Ladybug*, *Spider*, and *Highlights for Children*. She was born in Walla Walla, Washington and now lives in Northern California with her cat, Bella.

More about Deborah: <https://www.deborahunderwoodbooks.com/index.html>,
<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/60356/deborah-underwood/>

Discussion Questions

1. What would you do if you found a walrus in your bathtub?
2. Why did the family decide to stay in their house?
3. Why do you think that the family doesn't want the walrus there?
4. What is something that you like about your house?
5. The walrus thinks he is doing things that the family will like. How does the family's attitude change when they realize this?
6. Have you ever had a misunderstanding like the walrus and the family? What did you do?

Activities

1. Peek-a-boo Walrus Cup Craft (he looks like he's in the tub):
<https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/Walrus-Crafts-learning-activities.html>
2. Walrus paper sack puppet: <http://pintasticfun.blogspot.com/2014/02/polar-animals-week.html>
3. What would have happened if a different animal had been in the bathtub? Look up other arctic or sea animals to find out what they like to eat and do.
4. In the book Walrus likes to eat clams, research what else walrus eat.
5. Animal yoga: <https://www.pinkoatmeal.com/arctic-animal-yoga/>

More Resources

1. Walrus webcam - <https://explore.org/livecams/walrus/walrus-cam-round-island>



Similar Books

- *Where's Walrus* by Stephen Savage
- *They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel
- *There's a Walrus in My Bed* by Ciara Flood
- *Trevor* by Jim Averbeck
- *Did You Eat the Parakeet?* by Mark Iacolina

Related Non-fiction

- *North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration* by Nick Dowson
- *Walruses of the Arctic* by Sara Swan Miller
- *How to Be a Friend* by Lauren Krasny Brown
- *The Survival Guide to Making and Keeping Friends* by James C. Crist
- *Dude That's Rude!: (get some manners)* by Pamela Espeland & Elizabeth Verdick



We Don't Eat Our Classmates

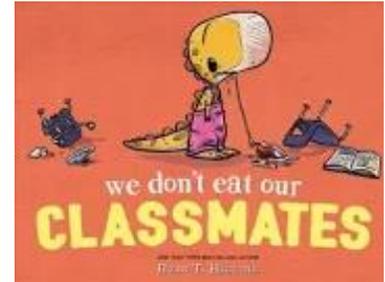
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Description

Penelope the dinosaur starts school, but it's hard to make friends when her classmates are so delicious! It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all. . . . Readers will gobble up this hilarious new story from award-winning author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins

Themes

Tyrannosaurus rex, Dinosaurs, First day of school, Schools, Making friends, The golden rule, Humorous stories

Author Information

"Ryan T. Higgins is a New York Times Bestselling author/illustrator residing in Southern Maine. He lives with his two dogs, two cats, one gecko, one tortoise, one son, one daughter, and one wife. As a child, he lived on a diet of cartoons, cheese sandwiches, and climbing trees. At the age of four he decided to become a cartoonist and he's been making his own cartoons ever since."

"Ryan tries to set aside as much time as he can to visit schools and talk about making books. When Ryan is home, however, he focuses all of his attention on his family and making books. For this reason, Ryan doesn't do Skype visits. ALSO, Ryan is very easily distracted and has trouble talking to a whole classroom through a little screen. He much prefers being there in person."

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Discussion Questions

1. Why do we need rules?
2. Why do we need to make friends?
3. What would make others not want to be friends with us?
4. What do we need to be like in order to make friends?
5. When we do something that hurts someone, what can we do to show them we are sorry?

Activities

1. Make a friendship sandwich craft. <http://www.teacherplanet.com/content/friendship>
2. Make a dinosaur fossil. <https://preschoolsteam.com/dinosaur-steam-activities-for-preschoolers/>
3. Make stress balls to ease school jitters. <https://www.craftsbycourtney.com/how-to-crafts/diy-stress-ball-we-dont-eat-our-classmates-book/>



4. Make a friendship salad and have children contribute different fruits and then talk about what could be the ingredients of a friendship recipe.
5. Play forehead detective game with dinosaurs and the kids have to find their matching dinosaur by asking questions and talking to others.
6. Place two cutouts of Penelope Rex and put them in a container with paint and marbles and have the kids pair up and roll them back and forth to make a fun friendship masterpiece.
7. Dance and sing to “We are the Dinosaurs” by Laurie Berkner

More Resources

- How to teach preschoolers the golden rule: <https://classroom.synonym.com/teach-preschoolers-golden-rule-7994087.html>
- National Geographic dinosaur resources: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/search-results/?q=dinosaurs>
- Friendship activities for preschoolers: <https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/friendship-activities-for-preschoolers/>
- Top 10 friendship games and activities: <https://www.healthline.com/health/parenting/friendship-activities#1>
- Classroom activities to help kids make friends: <http://www.teachhub.com/classroom-activities-help-students-make-friends>

Similar Books

- *Boy and Bot* by Amy Dyckman
- *Wordy Birdy* by Tammi Sauer
- *Dragon Was Terrible* by Kelly DiPucchio
- *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry
- *Tilly & Tank* by Jay Fleck
- *My Friend Rabbit* by Eric Rohman
- *People Don't Bite People* by Lisa Wheeler
- *Teeth are Not for Biting* by Elizabeth Verdick
- *Do Unto Otters* by Laurie Keller
- *Will I have a Friend?* by Miriam Cohen
- *Mostly Monsterly* by Tammi Sauer
- *Geraldine* by Elizabeth Lilly
- *Bolivar* by Sean Rubin
- *Edwina the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She was Extinct* by Mo Willems

Related Non-fiction

- *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff and Paula Kahumbu
- *My Big Dinosaur Book* by Roger Priddy
- *Jurassic World Dinosaur Field Guide* by Dr. Thomas R. Holtz Jr.



- *The Dinosaur Museum: An Unforgettable, Interactive Virtual Tour Through Dinosaur History* by National Geographic Society
- *Encyclopedia Prehistorica Dinosaurs: The Definitive Pop-Up* by Robert Sabuda



When Pigs Fly

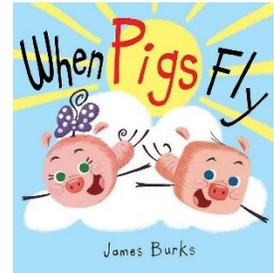
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Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten



Description

Henry is ready to do what no pig has done before. "But pigs can't fly," says his sister, Henrietta. Nothing will stop Henry from trying, until it looks as though gravity might finally get the better of him. Fortunately, Henrietta has an idea that gives both of them a lift.

Themes

Creative Play, Creative Thinking, Determination, Failure, Flight, Goals, Imagination, Making Movies, Siblings

Author Information

In addition to his art and books, James Burkes has worked on several animated movies and TV shows, including: Emperor's New Groove, Atlantis, Treasure Planet, Space Jam, the Iron Giant, and Dinosaur Train. When not drawing, he loves running, swimming, biking and tacos. Find out more at:

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Author interview:

<https://henryherz.wordpress.com/2016/06/11/interview-with-graphic-novel-authorillustrator-james-burks/>

Discussion Questions

1. The pigs come up with several ways to try to fly. How would you try it?
2. One of the pigs is very optimistic and the other is very realistic. Which pig are you more like? Is one better than the other?
3. Have you ever wanted to do something, and after trying and trying, it didn't work? How did you feel? How did you deal with those feelings?
4. Have you ever helped someone do something that they couldn't do for themselves? What did you do?
5. What is your favorite thing to make believe?

Activities

1. Henrietta makes movies, and ultimately solves Henry's problem with her movie making skills. Build a scene and then make a movie or take a photo that makes it look like the subject is doing something extraordinary. (ex: a giant walking through a city, a child lifting a car, a person standing on the tip of a pencil, etc.)
2. Henry builds his own wings when his own arms aren't enough to let him fly. Design and/or build a flying machine.
3. Henry tries to fly by riding a kite. Experiment: Will a kite fly with something riding it? Take a poll to find out popular opinion, and then try it out.



4. Henry is very disappointed when his efforts to fly don't work. Guide your kids through some mindfulness or coping activities. Talk about how you can deal with disappointment in a positive way. (see more resources)
5. Henrietta is a big help when Henry is feeling sad about not being able to fly. Brainstorm some scenarios when your friend or sibling might face a disappointment. Tell a story, or draw a picture of how you could help them.

More Resources

1. Smithsonian Air and Space Museum website: <https://howthingsfly.si.edu/>
2. 2nd Grade lesson plan on Lift & Drag: <https://www.brighthubeducation.com/lesson-plans-grades-1-2/129455-lift-and-drag-lesson-grade-two/>
3. Scholastic Paper Airplanes lesson for K-2: <http://www.scholastic.com/browse/lessonplan.jsp?id=1508>
4. Scholastic Making Movies in the Classroom: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog-posts/beth-newingham/movie-making/>
5. National Kite Flying Month: <http://www.nationalkitemonth.org/how-to-fly-a-kite/>
6. Top 5 Free photo editing sites for kids: <http://www.educational-freeware.com/news/fun-with-photographs.aspx>
7. Mindfulness Activities for Children and Teens: <https://positivepsychologyprogram.com/mindfulness-for-children-kids-activities/>
8. Coping techniques to use with kids: <https://www.helpmegrowutah.org/blog/10-coping-techniques-to-use-with-your-child>
9. Encouraging Mindfulness in children: <https://www.helpmegrowutah.org/blog/encouraging-mindfulness-in-childhood>
10. Cosmic Kids Yoga & Meditation: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Similar Books

- *Ada Twist Scientist* by Andrea Beaty
- *Going Places* by Paul & Peter Reynolds
- *Ish* by Peter Reynolds
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires
- *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers
- *Ursa's Light* by Deborah Marcero
- *What to Do With a Box* by Jane Yolen

Related Non-fiction

- *Spinning Blimp! Beginning-level paper airplanes* by Marie Buckingham
- *Air Shark! Novice-level paper airplanes* by Marie Buckingham
- *Flight* by Chris Oxlade (Kingfisher Reader)
- *Flight* by Andrew Nahum (DK eyewitness book)
- *The Movie Making Book: Skills and projects to learn and share* by Dan Farrell
- *The Survival Guide for Making and Being Friends* by James J. Crist