

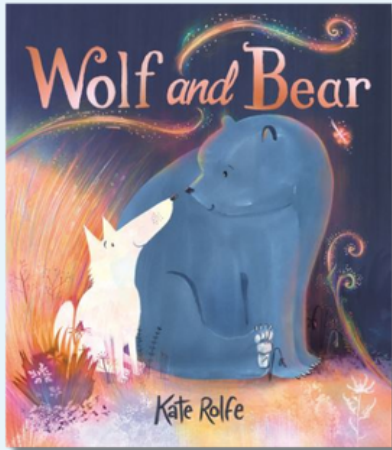
Wolf and Bear

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BOOK TALK CARDS



Spark discussion and foster a reading community with our top picks



ABOUT THE BOOK

A young wolf tries to help her friend Bear out from the lonely shadow of sadness which has engulfed him.



OUR THOUGHTS

"This beautifully told tale of true friendship and supporting each other through sadness and depression could be useful for introducing these issues to children, and how to navigate these feelings."



THEMES:

Friendship • Compromise
Loyalty • Sadness • Empathy

TIME TO TALK

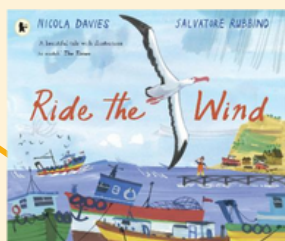


- 1 How can you tell that Wolf is a loyal friend from the start of the story?
- 2 Consider how both characters feel when Bear refuses to come out to play. Is this fair on Wolf? Is Bear able to control his reaction?
- 3 Wolf thinks of things that would make him feel better. What sort of activities help to make you feel better?
- 4 Consider the page which starts: *'Slowly, sadly, Wolf slunk away...'* How does the use of alliteration and a simile add to the images created in the reader's head at this point in the story?
- 5 How does colour often mirror the changes in the narrative throughout the story?
- 6 Bear is lifted by Wolf's song. What sounds, sights, smells, tastes, touch might offer you comfort if you were feeling like Bear?
- 7 The shadow of the mountain is used as a metaphor in the story. Discuss what you think it might symbolise?
- 8 At the end of the story Bear still isn't ready to play again. Consider how Wolf might feel about this and how it might differ from when Bear doesn't want to play at the start of the story?
- 9 Read the dedication on the last page: what message does it give us about friendship?
- 10 What matters most to you in a friendship?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:



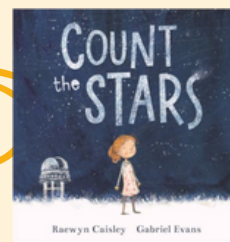
Our Tower by Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson (illustrator)



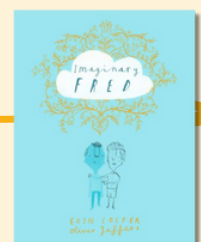
Ride The Wind by Nicola Davies and Salvatore Rubbino (illustrator)



Hurricane by John Rocco



Count The Stars by Raewyn Calsey and Gabriel Evans (illustrator)



Imaginary Fred by Eoin Colfer and Oliver Jeffers (illustrator)