

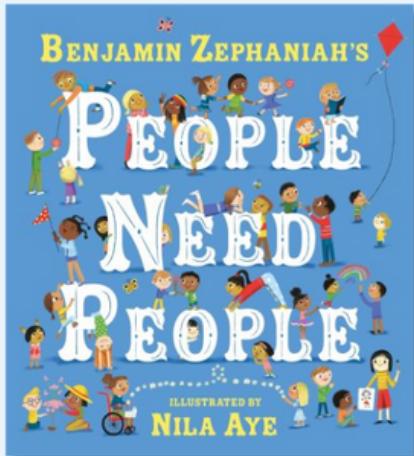
People Need People

Benjamin Zephaniah
Illustrated by Nila Aye

BOOK TALK CARDS



Spark discussion and foster a reading community with our top picks



ABOUT THE BOOK

A visualisation of Benjamin Zephaniah's poetic celebration about the variety and importance of human connections.



OUR THOUGHTS

"A timeless message beautifully and simply put across with lovely, inclusive illustrations."



THEMES:

- Companionship • Empathy
- Relationships • Community • Friendships

TIME TO TALK

- 1 What do you think we need other people for?
- 2 Who do you turn to when you need to moan? Is it the same person that you most like to share good news with? When might this person differ?
- 3 The poem gives us lots of positive reasons for having other people around. Can you think of any times when you prefer not to have people around?
- 4 The poem says people help to 'give life some meaning'. Do you agree? Is there anything else that gives your life meaning, aside from people?
- 5 Look at the group gathered around the table. Why does sharing food as part of traditions or special days often feature?
- 6 'It seems we need company before we relax'... Do you agree with this?
- 7 How can you tell if someone needs company or not?
- 8 At the end of the poem it shows a family sharing a story – what is your favourite story to share? Who do you like to share it with?

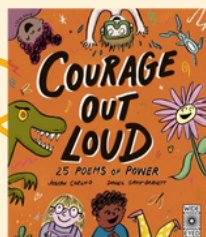
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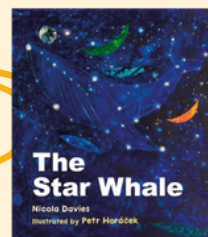
Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah and Nila Aye (illustrator)



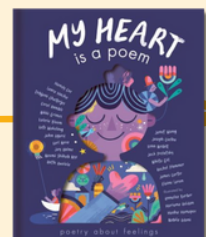
Our Tower by Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson (illustrator)



Courage Out Loud by Joseph Coelho and Daniel Gray-Barnett (illustrator)



The Star Whale by Nicola Davies and Petr Horáček



My Heart Is A Poem: poetry about feelings