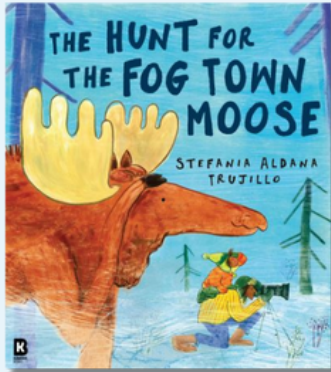


The Hunt for the Fog Town Moose

Stefania Aldana Trujillo

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

The photographer and his son are looking high and low for the elusive moose. But this moose is an expert at hiding in plain sight! Will they manage to snap the missing moose before it's time to catch the train home?



OUR THOUGHTS

"An exploration of how tech and gadgets are all well and good, but aren't a replacement for actually *looking* at your surroundings. Nice illustrations and plenty of moose to spot!"

THEMES

- Observation
- Technology
- Parent and child

TIME TO TALK



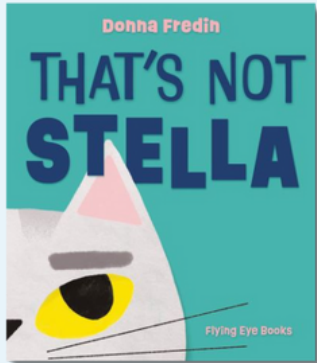
- 1 Dad says he is on a work trip and he must take a photo of the moose for his job. Is he good at his job?
- 2 Can you spot the moose on every page?
- 3 Why do you think it's so foggy in Fog Town?
- 4 Why do you think Dad can't spot the moose?
- 5 The people in the town like their pets. Can you spot any unusual pets they are carrying?
- 6 We find out quite late in the book that the child doesn't know what a moose looks like. Do you think Dad should have told them earlier on? How would that change things?



That's Not Stella

Donna Fredin

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

How well do you really know your pets? Milo is convinced that his pet cat Stella is an imposter! Is Stella just trying some new things, or is she a completely different cat altogether?



OUR THOUGHTS

"A lovely story with bold illustrations about a cheeky cat and an observant young boy! There's a great twist in the middle that brings a smile."

THEMES

- Pets
- Humorous stories
- Mysteries

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Milo isn't sure that his cat is actually Stella. Why do you think that is?
- 2 Why do you think Mum doesn't agree with him?
- 3 When the meeting in the garden happens, it's not just Stella and the other cat. Something else is happening as well. Can you spot what it is?
- 4 Are there clues earlier in the book to make you suspect Rufus the dog isn't what he seems?
- 5 Can a cat go on holiday by itself? Where do you think they would go and what would they do on their holidays?
- 6 Why is there a card from the Pet Lookalike Agency in the suitcase?
- 7 Why does Milo suspect Stella but not Rufus do you think?
- 8 Do you think Stella and Rufus had a great holiday? Look at the pictures at the end of the book. Can you make up a story about what they got up to?



Cloud Boy

Greg Stobbs

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

When Bobby gets distracted, he starts to float. Bobby would like to concentrate but it's very hard, so his loved ones come up with all sorts of clever plans. But maybe they should think more like Bobby...



OUR THOUGHTS

"A sweet celebration of thinking differently and embracing being true to yourself. A nice neurodivergent-positive title to include in collections."

THEMES

- ADHD
- Concentration
- Imagination
- Friendship

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Why do you think Bobby floats into the clouds when he gets distracted?
- 2 Do you think Bobby has a good imagination?
- 3 Why do you think his mum and teachers and friends have to say his name three times over?
- 4 What colours do you notice in the pictures? What does the bright pink swirly line show?
- 5 Do you think Bobby should try and be like other people, or should he carry on being himself?
- 6 His friends and family try to help Bobby stay on the ground. Do you think they helped him at all?
- 7 What do you like to daydream about?
- 8 Why does Bobby snip his shoelace?



Noah's New Home

Zeshan Akhtar and
Nabila Adani

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

Noah's family have taken a journey no one should have to make: they arrive in a different country as refugees. When a fireworks display brings back both happy and difficult moments, his family and their new community support him in feeling hopeful for the future.



OUR THOUGHTS

"A powerful tale of a young refugee's traumatic experiences, and the friendship and community created in his new home."

THEMES

- Refugees
- War
- Families
- Immigration
- Kindness

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Look at the cover of the book. What do you think it's about?
- 2 What do you think is happening on the very first page where the windows and the air shook?
- 3 Why do you think Noah is afraid of the fireworks? What do they remind him of?
- 4 How do friends and neighbours help Noah? What acts of kindness do you notice?
- 5 Do you know any one who's had to move from their country as a refugee? How do you think they felt about it?
- 6 Look at the different colours used in the book. How does the colour change depending on what's happening?
- 7 What reminds Noah of home the most?
- 8 Imagine you met Noah. What would you say to make him feel welcome? How could you show him kindness?



A Taste of Home

Maryam Hassan
and Anna Wilson

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

Tariq loves food, from delicious dinners with his big family to scrumptious surprises in his lunchbox at school. But when he's asked to bring in a special dish for his class picnic, Tariq begins to worry about how he'll choose just one tasty favourite!



OUR THOUGHTS

"This lively story could lead to some interesting discussions with children about favourite foods and our memories."

T H E M E S

- Food
- Family
- Memories
- Cooking

TIME TO TALK

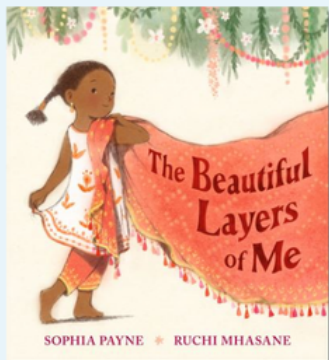


- 1 What food would you take to the picnic? Why would you choose it?
- 2 Are there any foods in the book that you would like to try?
- 3 What food reminds you of home and family and why?
- 4 The food in the book is all South Asian food. Why do you think that is? Is a taste of home about the family's previous home or the one they live in now?
- 5 What do you notice about each illustration of food? What about the illustrations make you think about the smell of the food?
- 6 What food smell makes your mouth water?
- 7 Do you have family members who come from a different country? What foods do they like to cook and eat?
- 8 What's the yuckiest food you've ever eaten?
- 9 Do you help with the cooking at home? Would you like to try cooking if you don't help already?

The beautiful layers of me

Sophia Payne and
Ruchi Mhasane

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

Ameena can't wait for her aunty's wedding. She is wearing a brand-new salwar kameez. But when someone comments on her pyjamas, she loses all confidence, fearing that her friends might not accept her traditional clothing.



OUR THOUGHTS

"Positive, upbeat and relatable, and attractively illustrated. A good pick for PSHE and meaningful discussion about culture and heritage."

THEMES

- Clothing • Self-esteem • Tradition
- Heritage • Diversity • Belonging

TIME TO TALK



- 1 How did Ameena feel about her salwar Kameez at the very beginning of the story?
- 2 What did the person over the fence say to make Ameena feel differently about her outfit for the wedding?
- 3 How did Ameena feel about her outfit after that comment?
- 4 What happened to Ameena's clothes next?
- 5 How did Ameena help her cousin and how did she feel after seeing her cousin in her salwar kameez?
- 6 Who helped Ameena feel confident and proud of her clothing again? How did they do this?
- 7 Can you describe your favourite outfit? Does it have a special meaning to you?
- 8 What do you think the book means by '*the beautiful layers of me*'?
- 9 Why do you think it's important that we celebrate our heritage and that we don't all look the same or wear the same things?
- 10 We are all unique and special, what words would you use to describe your beautiful layers?

Dancing Dumplings

Eva Wong Nava
and Natelle Quek

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

A little girl is shown how to make dumplings by her grandma and they absolutely love the ritual of cooking together. When Grandma gets sick, the little girl takes her turn to make dumplings and help soothe her grandma back to wellness.



OUR THOUGHTS

"Gorgeously illustrated ode to the deep bond between grandparent and child, perfectly capturing the changing seasons and warmth of family life."

T H E M E S

- Families
- Tradition
- Food
- Heritage

TIME TO TALK



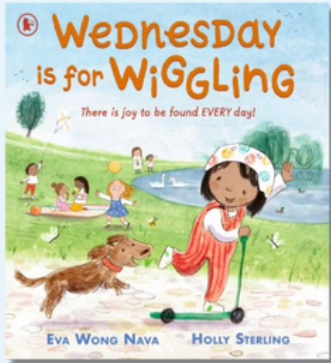
- 1 What special activity did the girl and her grandma share?
- 2 Describe the exact steps that the girl and the grandma did to make the dumplings?
- 3 What three words does the book use to describe grandma's movements in the park?
- 4 Do you have any special traditions or foods in your family?
- 5 What season was it when grandma first started to get sick?
- 6 How did the girl help to comfort her grandma in this time?
- 7 Why do you think the dumplings are important in this book? Why do you think they describe the dumplings as dancing?
- 8 How did you think the girl making the dumplings herself made her grandma feel?
- 9 If you could make a special meal for someone you care about, what would you make and why?
- 10 What could you do to help a friend or family member who is sad or sick like grandma?



Wednesday is for Wiggling

Eva Wong Nava
and Holly Sterling

BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

Through the eyes of a creative and curious child, this is an uplifting look at the familiarity and anticipation of a daily routine and spending time with all the special people who take care of children.



OUR THOUGHTS

"The positive, upbeat text is wholly relatable and warm in tone, which is well supported by characterful, lively illus. Good for discussing daily routines and family set ups with under fives."

T H E M E S

- Families • Movement • Play
- Days of the week • Activities

TIME TO TALK



- 1 What do you think the word moping means? Do you feel like this on a Monday?
- 2 The little girl does something different on every day of the week. Can you remember what she does on a Thursday?
- 3 Which is your favourite day of the week and why?
- 4 What kind of activities does wiggling on a Wednesday involve?
- 5 Can you remember what happens on the day before Wednesday? Do you know what this day is called?
- 6 Which of the activities in the book do you enjoy the most? Are there any that you would like to try if you haven't already done them?
- 7 The little girl spends time with many different people, who do you like to spend time with and what do you like to do together?
- 8 What was your favourite part of the story and why?
- 9 What other fun words like wiggle can you find in the story?
- 10 If you could make your own special day, what would it be called, for example, Monday is for movement?