



BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

- Poverty • The power of art • Family
- Hope • Resilience • Friendship

The Wrong Shoes

by Tom Percival

Will feels he stands out for all the wrong reasons. While navigating his family's financial hardship, his life is transformed by the empathy of others, and his own creativity.



OUR THOUGHTS

"A sensitively drawn main character who many children will sadly be able to relate to. It's a story of resilience and making the right choices. Lots to think about, and illustrations complement the text well. A must have."

TIME TO TALK

- 1 Why do you think the title is The Wrong Shoes? What's wrong with Will's shoes and is it really the shoes that's the problem?
- 2 Will is a very talented artist and this helps him to focus and escape his reality. Can you think of a time art helped you? It can be any kind of art, photography, making a video, painting a picture.
- 3 What do you think the owl represents and what is happening in Will's life when he sees it?
- 4 Will's haircut was a bit of a disaster! He lied about why he tried to cut it himself and covered it up. If he'd asked for help, would it have made his life easier? Why is it sometimes hard to ask for help?
- 5 Think about Will's relationship with Cameron. Why is he so cross with Cameron when he offers Will his old trainers?
- 6 And think about Will and the bully Chris. How does he fall under his spell and even after he's seen Chris's vulnerable side. Do you think they will actually become friends in the end?
- 7 What is Will's relationship with his dad, his mum and his mum's boyfriend like? How does it change throughout the book?

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

