

Into The Wild

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BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

When Joe leaves his window open, the Wild invites him outside to explore the night-time city, and he learns that animals and plants can thrive even in the most built-up environment.



OUR THOUGHTS

"This gentle tale of discovery with its really lovely, colourful illustrations is ideal for young readers to pore over, and inspire them to look for the wild."



THEMES:

- Imagination
- Nature
- Wild
- Belonging

TIME TO TALK



- 1 Can you describe where you live? Is there anything wild about it?
- 2 How does the wild change at different times of day, or the year?
- 3 What can you see from your bedroom window? Can you draw what you would like to see from the window instead?
- 4 How can the wild enter Joe's bedroom? What is he using to picture the wild around him?
- 5 The birds and the plane taking flight are helping Joe to imagine things beyond what he can see. Where in the world would you like to visit? Is it hot, cold, busy, empty, colourful, snowy...
- 6 Cars turning into hippos, benches turning into crocodiles... Joe's imagination has run wild! What everyday things do you see on the way home that could turn into an animal? Which would you choose? e.g. a lamppost turning into a giraffe.
- 7 Joe chooses five words to describe the wild. Can you choose five words to describe how the wild makes you feel? Why did you choose these words?
- 8 Now try the same activity with a very different word. How does home make you feel? Can you give five words to describe it again?
- 9 Why does Joe describe the wild as precious?
- 10 'Joe slept with the wild in his heart'... what do you sleep with in your heart? How do those things make you feel?

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

