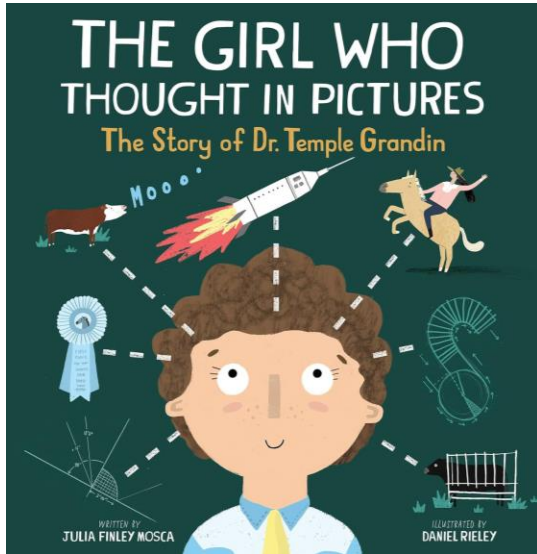


Discussion Guide for Families



The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin

Author: Julia Finley Mosca

Illustrator: Daniel Rieley

Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: This inspiring book tells the story of Dr. Temple Grandin, a scientist with autism whose unique way of thinking revolutionized animal farming worldwide. Through rhymes, illustrations, and a detailed biography, readers learn how her determination and creativity turned challenges into groundbreaking achievements.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover of the book. Ask, "What do you think it means to "think in pictures," and what kind of person do you think this story will be about?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think the author describes Temple as an unusual girl, and how does this make her special?
- How does Temple's ability to see pictures in her head help her understand animals?
- What challenges does Temple face at school, and how does she overcome them?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Reflect on Temple's story. What do you think the author wants readers to learn about turning challenges into strengths?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.