

Read Aloud Guide for Families



Will's Play Time

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Book Brief: Little William gets a front-row seat at a play – and it inspires him to create stories of his own...

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Before Reading: Build Background

- Talk about a show or movie that you all like to watch together. Encourage your child to think about what makes the performance exciting.
- Explain to your child that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think Will wants to sit so close to the stage? If you could sit front row at a show, what would you like to see?
- What does William discover that he enjoys?
- How does watching the play help Will dream new things? Can seeing or trying new things help you think of your own ideas or dreams?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Say, "What can we learn from Will about dreaming big and trying new things?"
- If you don't have everything you need to do something you love, what could you create or imagine instead?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Ask your child to think about a story they would like to see on stage. Together, draw pictures of the characters, the setting, and what might happen. Talk about how the story could be acted out, just like Will imagines while watching the play.
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