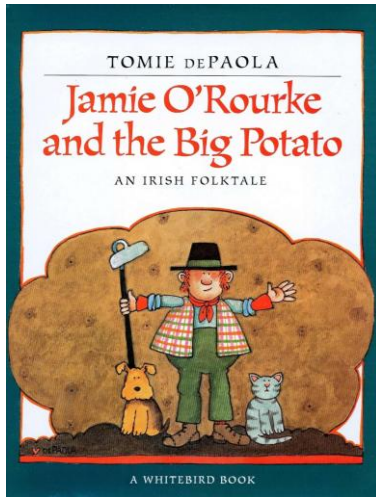


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato

Author: Tomie dePaola

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Themes: Problem-Solving

Book Brief: A funny Irish folktale about Jamie O'Rourke, the laziest man in Ireland, who gets more than he bargained for when he grows an enormous potato!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever wished for something magical to happen? What would you wish for?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- What is Jamie like? What does he like to do all day?
- Who does Jamie meet? What magical thing happens?
- What problem does the enormous potato create? How do Jamie and the village try to solve it?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story? What lesson can we learn from Jamie's adventure?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Imagine "What Would You Do?" with your child. Ask them what they would do if they had a giant potato (or other enormous object). Have them draw their idea and explain their solution, just like Jamie and the village had to figure out what to do.
- Use RIF's ["If I Had a Pot of Gold"](#) writing activity to extend the fun!