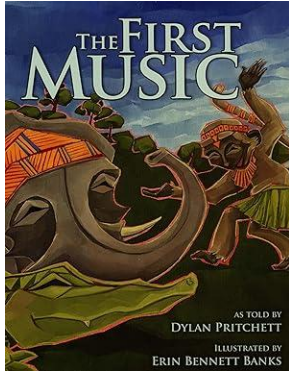


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The First Music

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Themes: Music, Inclusion, Nature

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Do you know many kinds of African animals?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Name the animals in the story, and what sound each one makes.
- How do the animals learn to make their sounds together?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn from the story about understanding and accepting your own special “gifts,” no matter what they are?”
- Ask, “What did you learn about working with others in a beautiful, symphonic way?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, make a chart of the animals in the story. One column is the name of the animal, and the second column is for naming the sound the animal makes.
- Make a third column and illustrate each named animal.
- As you review the chart together, make the actual sound for each animal.