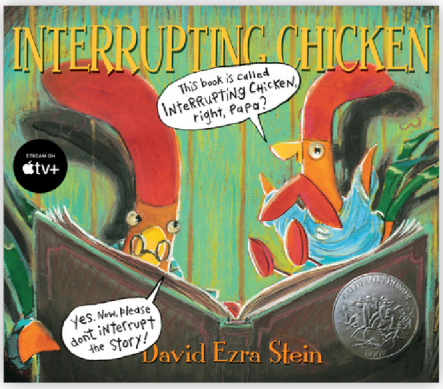
Read Aloud Guide for Families



Interrupting Chicken

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Book Brief: It's bedtime, and Papa reminds his little red chicken not to interrupt the story. But she can't help herself. Each time Papa reads a fairy tale, the chicken leaps in to rescue the characters from danger. When Papa runs out of stories, the chicken tells one of her own, and the roles are gently reversed.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- This is a bedtime story about a papa and his little chicken. The papa reads fairy tales you may know, like Little Red Riding Hood.
- Before you read, ask your child if they ever interrupt. Talk about how hard it can be to wait your turn.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Each time Papa reads, the chicken jumps into the story to warn a character. Ask your child why she keeps interrupting.
- After the chicken interrupts, ask your child how Papa feels. Look for clues in his face and words.
- When Papa runs out of stories, the chicken tells one about him. Ask your child what surprises them about the ending.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- At the end, the chicken falls asleep but Papa stays awake. Ask your child why they think that happened.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Take turns telling a bedtime story tonight. Let your child add a surprise to your story, then you add one to theirs. See who can stay awake to the end!

- Let them explore more titles about fairy tales from other perspectives:
  - The True Story of the Three Little Pigs (1989)

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