Outline:

Hedgehog is performing magic tricks for his friends. But will they work?

Author/Illustrator Information:

Ruth Paul is an award-winning author and illustrator from New Zealand. She draws on everyday life for inspiration and ideas, and is particularly interested in how people get on together. Ruth calls herself and “old-fashioned” illustrator, working in hands-on media such as acrylic, pastels and pencils, using Photoshop to do last-minute work on scans where required.

Her title *The King’s Bubbles* won the Children’s Choice Award, New Zealand Post Children’s Book Awards, 2008; and the Children’s Book Design Award, Book Publishers Association of New Zealand Design Awards, 2008. She also illustrated the Walker Stories titles *Mr Tripp Smells a Rat* (2011) and *Mr Tripp Goes For A Skate* (2012).

Ruth lives in the country in a straw-bale house powered by its own remote electricity system, with her husband and two young sons.

How to use these notes:

This story works on many levels. The suggested activities are therefore for a wide age and ability range. Please select accordingly.