



Walker Books Classroom Ideas



Hedgehog's Magic Tricks

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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 an “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.

These notes are for:

- Primary years F-1
- Ages 5+

Key Learning Areas:

- English
- Art

Example of:

- Fiction
- Picture book

Themes/ Ideas:

- Friendship
- Magic
- Bravery
- Fears
- Surprises
- Helping

National Curriculum Focus:*

English content descriptions include:

Foundation		Year 1	
ACELA1431	ACELY1648	ACELA1447	ACELY1658
ACELA1432	ACELY1650	ACELA1452	ACELY1661
ACELA1433		ACELA1453	
ACELA1440		ACELT1581	
ACELT1575		ACELT1582	
ACELT1577		ACELT1583	
ACELT1783		ACELY1656	
ACELY1784		ACELY1788	
ACELY1647		ACELY1657	

*Key content descriptions have been identified from the Australian National Curriculum. However, this is not an exhaustive list of National Curriculum content able to be addressed through studying this text.