

Nightjar

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BOOK TALK CARDS



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ABOUT THE BOOK

When Noah's dad visits from New York, he and Noah come across an injured nightjar during a walk in the countryside in this gentle, insightful story.



OUR THOUGHTS

"There's a lot of silence in the novel in which the characters consider all their hurts and upsets, and understanding reveals ways to heal broken relationships."

- Emma, Children's Librarian



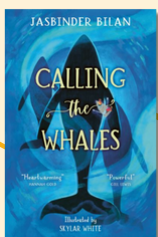
THEMES:

- Separation • Family
- Nature • Faith • Empathy

TIME TO TALK

- 1 Noah is preparing for his Bar Mitzvah. Do you think 13 is a good age to take responsibility for your own actions?
- 2 Noah and his Dad struggle to communicate when they see each other again after a while. Why do you think this is? Can you relate to this experience at all?
- 3 What's the best way to deal with an animal who is injured? What would you do in their situation?
- 4 *'There are a million of them. More. This is what happens.'* Dad appears dismissive in his comment in Chapter 6 – both of the bird's plight and his son's feelings. To what extent do you think this is a true reflection of how he feels? Why else might he react in this way?
- 5 *'Fury swirls like a tornado in my chest'* – Noah is cross with his Dad and can't talk to him. What might make you feel this way?
- 6 Can you find your own way to describe this feeling, or another emotion? What helps you to cope in such situations?
- 7 Do you think Noah saves the Nightjar for himself, or for the sake of the bird?
- 8 How has the Nightjar helped to restore the relationship between Noah and his Dad?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:



Calling The Whales by Jasbinder Bilan



The Farm Beneath The Water by Helen Peters



The Map of Leaves by Yarrow Townsend



The Whale Watchers by Dougie Poynter



My Brilliant Plan To Fix Everything by Ben Davis