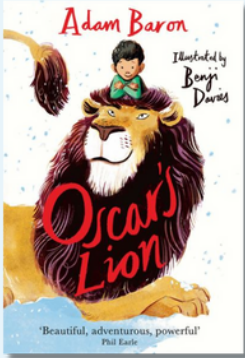


Oscar's Lion

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BOOK TALK CARDS



ABOUT THE BOOK

A magical coming-of-age story about a boy spending his first weekend without his parents... and the lion who comes to babysit him!



OUR THOUGHTS

"Part adventure story, part thoughtful story about bereavement and family relationships. It could be a good class read with lots of discussion points."



THEMES:

- Family
- Loss
- Imagination
- War

TIME TO TALK

- Oscar has a favourite book, 'Mack and the lost truck', that he has read over and over again. Do you have a book like this?
- If you had to pick one of Oscar's lion's transformations which would you choose: lion, stag beetle, seagull, goldfinch, Alsatian, locust? If you could choose something else, what would it be?
- Have a look at [this picture](#), which is like the one that Oscar went into at the museum. Is this somewhere you would like to go? Can you think of any other paintings you would prefer to visit?
- Oscar's granny came from Vienna but she had to leave suddenly. Why do you think she had to leave the country she was born in? How do you think she felt about this?
- Oscar really values the time that the lion spends with him – away from technology and phones. Do phones help or hinder communication?
- Consider how Oscar and the Lion feel at the beginning of the book to when Oscar's parents return – how has their relationship changed?
- If you could go on an adventure with Oscar's lion, where would you go?
- Oscar and his granny have a special place where they used to go – the bench on the hill, where Oscar and his parents have put a plaque on the bench to remember his granny. Where is your favourite place?

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

