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Book Tip Sheet



Big Red Hen and the Little Lost Egg

Margaret Wild and Terry Denton

This gentle story is all about the love parents feel for their children. Your child can join in with the repeated questions and answers throughout the book, and enjoying guessing what is inside the egg.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Sitting together, look at and talk about the cover image. Point out the big red hen and the little lost egg. Emphasise that the hen is "big" and the egg is "little" to help your child's language development.
- ▶ Talk with your child about the different animals that can come from eggs.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ As you read the story, point to the different kinds of birds as they are mentioned.
- ▶ You could count some birds on some pages—can your child help by pointing or saying the numbers with you?
- ▶ As each bird guesses what's in the egg, ask your child what they think it will be. This is especially fun when they already know the answer and get to be right!

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Talk about how the hen felt when the little hen chick came out of the egg. Look at the pictures and encourage your child to describe what they see. Does she look happy? Excited? Loving?
- ▶ Young children often enjoy learning about animals—is there a farm or zoo you can visit to see some eggs or baby animals? Or you could look for more books about animals at your local library.

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