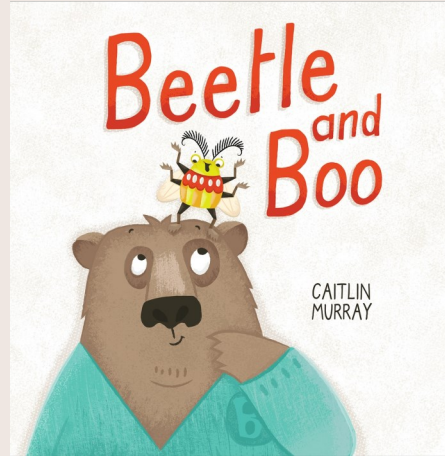


Beetle and Boo

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Join Beetle and Boo, two friends discussing ideas and moments that can be scary. This is a light-hearted book that can help children minimise fears and think differently about things that might scare them. The fun illustrations and cheeky ending make this a great book to share.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Find a quiet place to sit and share this story.
- ▶ Let your child hold the book, feel the cover and the pages. Help them hold the book open wide enough for you to read the words and see the pictures.
- ▶ Look at the cover, ask your child "Who do you think is Beetle? Who do you think is Boo?"

WHILE READING...



- ▶ Pause at each page to look at the illustrations, point out what is happening on each page. Ask your child if they think the pictures look scary or not.
- ▶ Try using different voices for Beetle and Boo. Get your child to roar with you when Boo finally scares Beetle.
- ▶ Run your finger under the words to help your child see where the writing is.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ See if your child can remember any of the things Beetle isn't scared of. Turn back through the pages to find the matching pages of what they recall.
- ▶ If your child has any fears it can be comforting to read this book and focus on the things they are not afraid of, just like Beetle.
- ▶ Can you think of ways to make your child's fears less scary like in the book?