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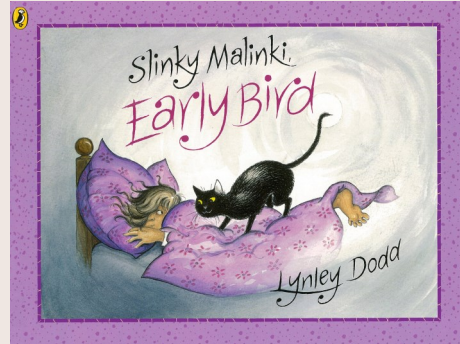
Book Tip Sheet



Slinky Malinki, Early Bird

Lynley Dodd

Many children enjoy stories about mischief. It's funny and relatable for them, and can become a great conversation started during or after reading. Does your toddler sometimes wake you up early in the morning? Help them make connections between the story and their life as you read.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Point out Slinky Malinki on the front cover. Ask your child or describe to them what he is doing.
- ▶ Ask your child what sort of animal Slinky Malinki is. Does your family have a cat? Or do they know family or friends with a cat? Talk about how a cat they know behaves and what people do to take care of pet cats.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ While reading, pay close attention to the rhyme and rhythm the author has created. As you read the book over and over, encourage your child to finish the sentences with you or for you by saying the rhyming words.
- ▶ Talk about the illustrations. Point out how cost and tired the people look in their beds and how cheeky Slinky Malinki is being.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Reread this book often to reinforce the rhythm and rhyme. Emphasise those words to help your child hear the rhyming sounds—they will be able to join in and this will help when they learn to read later on.
- ▶ There are many great books about Slinky Malinki, Hairy Maclary, and all their animal friends. Look for other Lynley Dodd books next time you're at the library!

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