



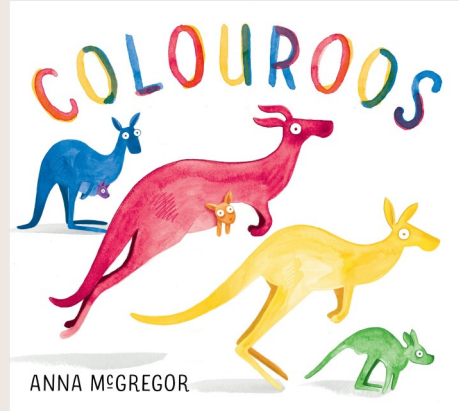
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Book Tip Sheet

Colouroos

Anna McGregor

When three different groups of kangaroos all come to the same watering hole, they aren't sure what to make of each other at first. But they soon discover that they aren't so different after all. On the surface, this is a fun, light-hearted story about the colour spectrum, but on a deeper level it is a beautiful celebration of diversity.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Look at the cover together. Point to each kangaroo and ask your child what colour they are.
- ▶ Read the title and name on the cover, pointing to each word as you read it. There's only one name on this book: Anna McGregor. That means she wrote the story and did the illustrations.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ As the kangaroos hop from their various homes to the waterhole the word "hopped" bounces across the page. Bounce your child on your lap each time you read the word.
- ▶ Encourage your child to notice the colours on each page: early on the scenery matches the kangaroo's colours, but later things get more colourful!

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Go back to the front cover and ask your child to find the joeys. Can they spot them in their mother's pouches? What colours are they? Are they the same or a different colour to their mothers?
- ▶ Create some artwork with blended colours! Try mixing paints, water coloured with food dye, play dough, or pencils.

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