



Madeline Talbot Has a Bunny On Her Head

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Illustrator: Connah Brecon

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Synopsis

Madeleine Talbot has a bunny on her head, which is strange, sure, but wait until you discover why she can't take it off.

An outrageously funny story about an unlikely friendship, by the inimitable picture-book duo Kiah Thomas and Connah Brecon.

Author Bio

Kiah Thomas started telling stories when she was a kid; re-imagining the endings in books she read. She rediscovered her love of kids books when she had children of her own, and started writing beginnings as well as endings. Kiah is passionate about books that kids and adults can enjoy together. She lives on the south coast of NSW with her husband, two children and at least seven stuffed toy penguins.



Illustrator Bio

Connah Brecon, originally from the UK, is an author-illustrator based in Victoria, Australia, where he lives with his wife and daughter and cat and plants. Connah has written and illustrated six picture books, and illustrated many more stories written by Australian authors. While it is true that dogs like books, Connah illustrates books mostly for people, some of whom happen to be temporarily short. If he wasn't illustrating children's books, Connah would like to trade places with David Attenborough, although he would prefer a younger David if at all possible.





Curriculum Links

English Foundation

- ACELT1575 – Recognise texts are created by authors.
- ACELT1577 – Respond to texts, identifying favourite stories, authors and illustrators
- ACELT1783 – Share feelings and thoughts about the events and characters in texts

Health & Physical Education Foundation

- ACPPS005 Identify and describe emotional responses people may experience in different situations

Health & Physical Education Year 1

- ACPPS022 Explore actions that help make the classroom a healthy, safe and active place

Themes

- Cooperation
- Feelings/Emotions
- Friendship
- Humour
- Problem Solving

Pre Reading

Prediction and Comprehension

Show the cover of Madeline Talbot Has a Bunny On Her Head to your students, reading the name of the book out loud, Identifying the author and the illustrator

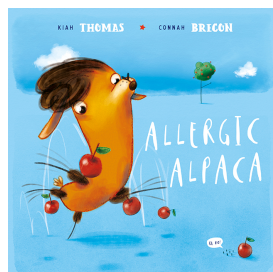
- What can you see on the front cover?
- Based on the title of the book, what do you think the girls name is?
- How do you think the rabbit is feeling, by the look on its face?
- What about Madeline?

Now turn the cover over and show the back of the book to your students, reading out loud what the book will be about.

- Does the image of Madeline and the Rabbit give you more clues as to what the book is about?
- Look closely. There is another character on the back cover. Do you think it will be part of the story?

Kiah Thomas and Connah Brecon has written two other books together.

- Share these with the class.
- Talk about which ones they liked and why.
- Was there one book they liked better than the others?



Health & Physical Education

Look at the character's faces...how have they changed from the start of the book to the end of the book? (grumpy to happy)

- Why do you think their moods changed?
- Think of things that might make you grumpy/sad.
- Think of things that might make you happy.
- How can we turn our feelings around when we feel grumpy/sad?
- List things we might do to make us feel better.
- Make it a practical list that can be displayed in the classroom, so that students can take action and use the are feeling sad/lonely/grumpy