

## **My Mum Is A Magician**

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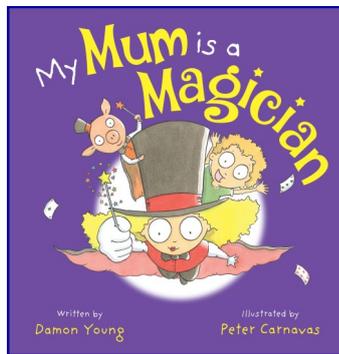
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Some mums gulp green tea, with bitter barley blends. But my mum is a magician . . . her cup of coffee never ends.

All mums are different. But what if your mum was really different? What if your mum was a magician?



### **Themes:**

- Mothers
- Relationships
- Doing things together

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Identify how many mothers there are in the story and then create a character profile of each of them, including:
  - ◇ How they dress;
  - ◇ Their hair styles;
  - ◇ Their headpieces;
  - ◇ The activities they do;
  - ◇ The jobs they do;
  - ◇ The things they like to drink; and
  - ◇ How they show comfort.
- Come up with one word that could describe each Mum.
- Think about your Mum or a mother figure in your life.
  - ◇ Write a character profile of her. Is she similar or different to any of the Mums in the story?
  - ◇ How would you describe the relationship that you have with her?
  - ◇ What activities do you like to do together? Do you think they are unique to your relationship?
- Create a poem about one of the Mums that feature in this story.
- Each of the Mums has a 'sidekick' in the form of an animal. Can you recall all the different animals? Do you think they are important? What role do the animals play in the story?
- If you could have a sidekick, what would it be and why?
- Draw a picture of your favourite 'sidekick' from the story, and the sidekick that you would like to have. Compare how similar or different they are.
- Recall as many of the items from the boy's bedroom as you can. Make a list of them and then compare these to others in your class.
- Does your Mum ever work her 'magic' on you? Discuss.