

Lamont Books Standing Order

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Teacher Notes and Activities

Max

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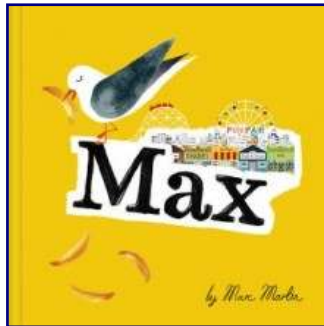
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Picture Book of
the Month

Max and Bob are old friends. Max helps out in Bob's shop, and in the evenings they go fishing together.

Until one summer, when everything changes . . .

From the winner of the 2013 Crichton Award for Australia's best new illustrator comes this heart-warming story of enduring friendship. And chips.



Themes:

- Unlikely friendship
- Enduring friendship
- Companionship
- Change
- Determination

Discussion Points & Activities:

- Looking at the cover, what sort of bird do you think Max is?
- What do you know about this type of bird? Where do these birds normally live and what do they eat?
- Why do you think Max and Bob were friends?
- Do you think their relationship is an unusual match? How would you describe it?
- Why did Bob's first shop close? Are there any clues in the pictures?
- Both Bob and Max had to deal with change. What are some examples of 'change' that you have had to deal with? What or who helped to make the change easier?
- Max faced a big challenge to find Bob in the huge city. Max had to look from above. Use Google Maps to locate your school and other significant places in your town from above. Do they look to different to when you look at them normally? How?
- Max missed Bob's companionship. What is it about being with people that we know, and ones that we have known for along time, that makes us feel good?
- Max and Bob liked fishing together. As a class, make a list of the things that you all like to do with your friends.
- Bob's Fish & Chip shop and all the other shops in the strip are bright and colourful. Create a diorama or a collage of one of the shops, or design another one that is not already there.
- Have you ever seen a bird like Max or had fish and chips at the beach? Did the birds try to eat your chips?