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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Fabulous Finola Fox

By Carmel Bird & Illustrated by Kerry Argent

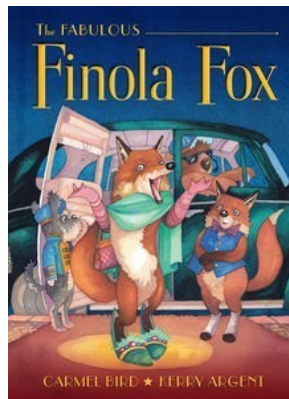
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Silent as a snowflake and quick as a flash of lightning, Finola would snatch up a shoe, or a pair of shoes, pop them into her handbag and disappear into the shadows.

Finola Fox loves to collect shoes. She finds them in strange places all over the city – but the pair to one of her stunning feathered and bejewelled slippers continues to elude her. Then Finola meets handsome Frederic Fox, and they set off together on a hunt that uncovers a whole lot more than a missing shoe.....

A stunning, exquisitely illustrated picture book from acclaimed author Carmel Bird and much-loved illustrator Kerry Argent.



Themes:

- Shoes
- Collecting things
- Finding friendship

Discussion Points:

- Finola loved to collect shoes. Do you have something that you like to collect? If so, what? How did you start collecting? Why do you collect the things you do?
- Why do you think people start collecting things in the first place?
- What is the strangest thing that you have heard of someone collecting?
- Do you have a favourite pair or style of shoes? Why do you like them?
- Finola found more than just shoes on her adventures - she also found Frederic. Have you ever met a new friend when you least expected to? Explain.
- What fairytale does this book remind you of?
- There are a number of other animals pictured throughout the story. As a class, see how many you can recall. Go back and check how many you got right!

Activities:

- Have a 'crazy' shoe day at school. Have everyone come to school in a pair of old shoes that they decorated in their own unique style. Make sure to have a parade to show off the fabulous creations.
- There is a sign on the wall of 'Finola's Fabulous Shoe Gallery' that is headed 'Short History of Footwear'. Research the actual history of footwear. Include in your presentation how shoes have changed over the years, for example from being a practical item to now being a major fashion item as well. Choose one favourite shoe from your research and try and re-create it using a variety of materials. Create a display of these in your classroom.