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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Coat

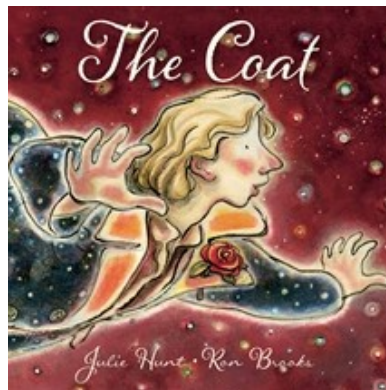
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The Coat stood in a paddock at the end of a row of strawberries. It was buttoned up tight and stuffed full of straw and it was angry. 'What a waste of me!' it yelled. Then along came a man. 'I could do with a coat like that,' the man said. Together, swooping and swinging, they travelled to the Cafe Delitzia, and had the night of their lives.

A bold and original picture book.



The publisher has advised that teacher notes will be available at www.allenandunwin.com, however, at the time of printing they had not yet been uploaded. You may like to check at a later date to see if they are available.

Themes:

- Changing
- Believing in yourself

Discussion Points:

- What country do you think the story is set in? What gives you that impression?
- How does the use of colour in this story alter the mood of it?
- Contrast the picture of the man at the front of the story compared to the man at the end. What do you notice about him? Why do you think he changed?
- How did the simple act of putting on a coat change him? What changes took place in the mans attitude?
- Why did the coat fit him perfectly at the end of the story and not at the start?
- Have you ever felt that you have changed and grown just by doing something different and believing in yourself? Explain.
- Give an example of how your attitude can affect how you behave and how you approach a situation.
- Someone in the restaurant called the man a 'ventriloquist'. Do you know what that is?

Activities:

- The man ate a delicious exotic meal at the restaurant. Design your own menu that might appear in a restaurant like the one in the story. You might like to first research what food was on the menu in the story.
- Design your own special coat. You may like to paint or draw it, or even use a variety of materials to make your own.