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Teacher Notes and Activities

Herman and Rosie

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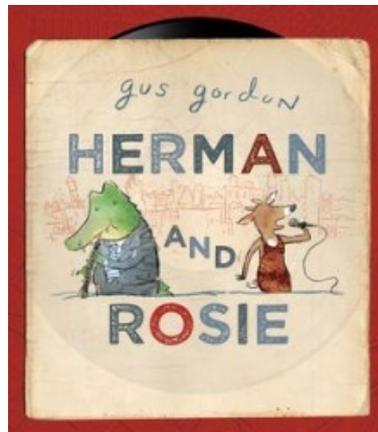
Set in New York, this gorgeous picture book is a story about friendship, life in the big city, and following your dreams.

This is a tale about a big city.

It's a tale of hotdogs and music and the summertime subway breeze.

It's a tale of singing on rooftops and toffees that stick to your teeth.

But most of all, it's the tale of Herman and Rosie.



Themes:

- City living
- Friendship

Discussion Points:

- 'But often the city was a lonely place.' Expand on this topic and discuss how such a busy place can be lonely.
- Think of five good things about living in a busy city. Think of five things that are not so good.
- Would you prefer to live in the city or the country? Why?
- What is the best thing about the place that you live?
- Can you recall what Herman liked to do? What about Rosie? What was the one thing that they both liked to do?
- What was significant about 'city life' that caused Herman to lose his job?
- What role did music play in both their lives and how did it bring them together?
- Have you ever eventually become friends with someone who was living near you all the time and you didn't realise? If so, how did you eventually meet?
- How does making a new friendship enrich our lives?

Activities:

- Draw a map of the area that you live in, like the one that features the key of Herman & Rosie's journey. Highlight the attractions and important things on the map. Mark the route that you would take around the area to explore it.
- There is a quote by Mark Twain on the title page that says "I have at last, after several months' experience, made up my mind that [New York] is a splendid desert—a domed and steeped solitude, where the stranger is lonely in the midst of a million of his race.' Come up with a list of practical ideas to make our world less lonely!