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Teacher Notes and Activities

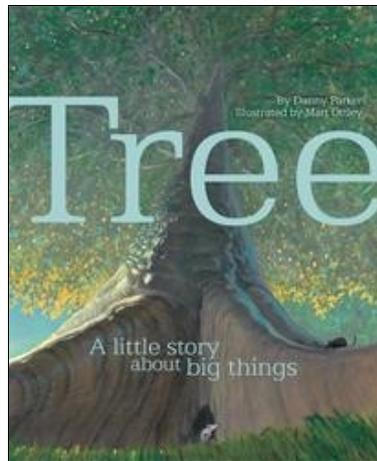
Tree: A Little Story About Big Things

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A sapling grows in the shelter of an older tree, where he is happy and safe. One day a violent storm destroys everything the sapling knows, and he suddenly finds himself unprotected and alone. But as the sapling grows, he gradually discovers that every end is a new beginning.



Themes:

- Life
- Protection
- New Beginnings

Discussion Points:

- Without reading the words, first show the students the book. How do the illustrations tell their own story?
- What do they think the book is about?
- What is the one word you could use to describe this book?
- Discuss how this book reflects/mirrors life.
- 'Tree' had grown up always having the protection from the bigger tree. In your life, who is your protector and how have they helped you grow?
- Why do you think 'Tree' survived and others didn't?
- What other natural events can cause the destruction of nature? How do their effects vary?
- What other factors can effect our environment? How can we minimise this impact?

Activities:

- Re-write the story using your own words. You may like to add text to pages where there is none at the moment. Share your story with the class and compare how different each persons story is.
- Using the words in the circle at the back of the book, create your own design. You may like to write or type them yourself or use a computer program such as Wordle or other similar programs to create an imaginative design. Display them in your class.