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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Fearsome, Frightening, Ferocious Box

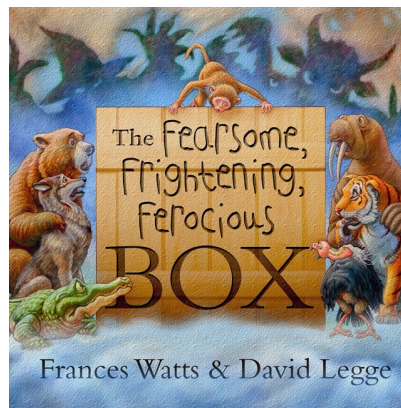
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At first your eyes will not believe,
Such terrors they can scarce conceive,
But come, look closely; you will see
Horrific creatures just like me.
Open the box, if you dare,
But danger lies within: Beware!

From the award-winning duo who brought you *Kisses For Daddy* and *Captain Crablaw's Crew* comes a fearsome, frightening, ferocious tale for the very brave of heart ...



Themes:

- Expectations
- Acting tough
- Showing Fear

Discussion Points:

- Before reading the story, look at the front cover. Name all of the animals.
- Before getting to the end of the story, have each class member say what they think is in the box and why. Once the story is finished, see if anyone guessed correctly.
- What do you think the animals expected to be in the box?
- Why do you think the animal in the box tried so hard to scare the other animals aware?
- Each of the animals thought they were horrible. Can you recall what word each of them used to describe themselves? Do you think these words describe these animals well?
- Think up at least two other words that you would use to describe each animal.
- Who do you think got the biggest surprise at the end when the box finally got opened?

Activities:

- On every page where the creature in the box speaks, there are six animals hidden amongst the illustrations. Split into groups and have each group identify what is hidden on two of the pages.
- Choose a different theme and create your own picture with hidden things in your drawings. You may like to use pastels so you can shade the images. Have another