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Teacher Notes and Activities

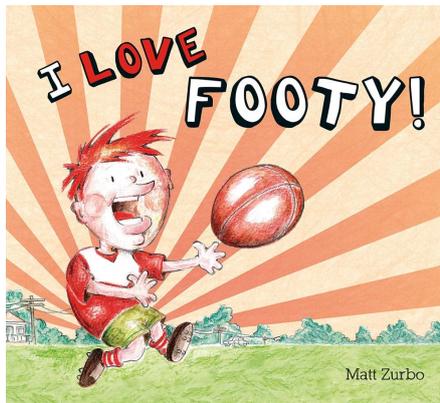
I Love Footy

By Matt Zurbo

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I LOVE FOOTY! is a wild, fun romp that shows kids that a world of fantasy and adventure can be real, if they just want to get involved. And that world is as close as their back yard! *I LOVE FOOTY!* shows that sport is not just about winning, it's about enjoyment, friendship and having a go!



Teacher notes have been taken from those prepared by the publisher, Windy Hollow.

Themes:

- Friendship
- Fun
- Having a go

Discussion Points & Activities:

Before Reading:

- How does the cover of this book make you feel?
- Footy or football means different ball sports depending on where you live. How do you know what type of footy this book is about?

After reading:

- What is your favourite sport?
- How do you feel when you are playing your favourite sport?
- Why do you think the narrator feels like a giant when he touches the footy?
- When was a time that you felt like a giant?
- The narrator says that when he plays he is safe from all of his problems. What do you think he means by 'safe from problems'? When do you feel safe from your problems?
- The artwork in this book is as important to the story as the text. Look at the illustrations and think about why Matt Zurbo has illustrated them that way. For example, why has he drawn one of the opponents as a brick wall?
- In the scene where the narrator gives away a free kick, he is illustrated as a clown. When did you do something that made you feel like a clown?
- Why are there emus on the page about how it feels to lose?
- On the page where the narrator scores a goal, why do you think there is an illustration of a mountain? How do you feel when you kick a goal?
- Write your own version of *I Love Footy* for your favourite sport.
- Write about a time that you felt as fast as a mountain lion or as big as a giant.
- Draw a picture of a time when you felt like you had climbed a mountain.