

# Lamont Books Standing Order

October 2014

*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## **Little Dog and the Christmas Wish**

**By Corinne Fenton and Illustrated by Robin Cowcher**

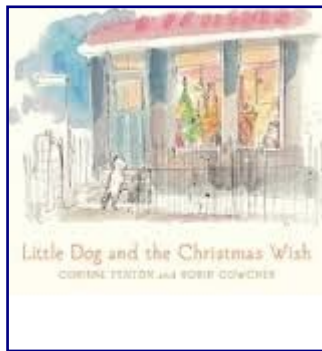
**Publisher: Walker Books**

**ISBN 9781742032368**

**\$24.95**

A charming and nostalgic Christmas story about a much loved Little Dog who finds his way home for Christmas.

Little Dog and Jonathan are best friends. They do everything together. But on Christmas Eve Little Dog finds himself lost and alone in a busy city. How will he find his way home? Can Christmas wishes come true?



### Themes:

- Christmas wishes
- Family pets

### Discussion Points:

- Looking at the illustrations, are there any clues about what city the story might be set in? What are the clues that you can see? What city do you think it is?
- When do you think the story is set? Are there any clues about this in the illustrations?
- Imagine the story is set in another city or town. Choose one page from the story and draw the scene with icons that are unique to the town or city that you have chosen.
- The story is set at Christmas. Do you think that this alters how the story 'feels'?
- Christmas is a very special time of year for many people. Is Christmas a special time for you and your family? If so, what makes it special for you?
- Why did Little Dog go looking for Jonathan? Is this normal behaviour for a dog?
- The story is told from the point of view of Little Dog. Imagine you are Jonathan. How do you he felt when Little Dog was lost?
- What things do you think Jonathan would have done to try and find Little Dog?
- How do you think Little Dog managed to find his way home?
- Do you have a pet? How do you think you would feel if your pet ever went missing?
- People can become very attached to their pets. Why do you think that people get attached to their pets? Do you think that pets might become attached to their owners too? If you have a pet, can you think of any things that your pet does to show that it might be attached to you too?

### Activities:

- The illustrator, Robin Cowcher, has used very unique illustrations in this story. Choose a scene from the book and try to draw it in the same style.
- Create your own class 'Christmas Wish List'. Try and be creative with your wishes - you might want to include things that are not just presents.