

## **Spider Iggy**

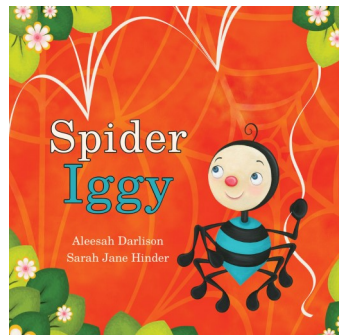
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In the cold, grey city no one ever seems to notice Spider Iggy. As he spins his web into beautiful and intricate designs, he dreams of a faraway land filled with colour and light. Determined to leave his 'ho-hum' life behind, brave Iggy sets out on an adventure to find the one place he can finally fit in.



*Teacher notes are based on those supplied by the publisher, Wombat Books. A full version will be available on their website.*

### **Themes:**

- Finding Your place
- Home
- Being brave and adventurous
- Acceptance
- Kindness
- Staying positive

### **Discussion Points & Activities:**

- Why was Spider Iggy lonely in the city?
- Why do you think the other creatures ignore Spider Iggy?
- What type of spider do you think Iggy might be?
- Why do people seem afraid of Iggy?
- How do you think Iggy feels about how people react to him?
- How do you feel when you have friends around you?
- What are some of the dangers Spider Iggy faces in the story?
- What are some of the dangers spiders and insects face in real life?
- What does Spider Iggy learn at the end of the story? What do readers learn at the end of the story?
- How does Spider Iggy's life change by the end of the story?
- Find words in the story that you don't know the meaning of. Try to work out the meaning of the words. Then look them up in a dictionary to find out if you were correct. Some words might be: intricate, swag and ferocious.
- Research spiders and webs. Write a report on what you've learned and present it to class.
- Write down five important facts about spiders.
- What would you do if a spider came to visit you? Write a fictional story about meeting a spider, or having one as a pet.
- Draw your own version of Spider Iggy on white cardboard. Colour him in. Glue on plastic eyes and pipe cleaners for legs. Make a display of all the Spider Iggy's made by the class. Take a photograph and send it to the author, Aleesah Darlison, at [aleesahdarlison@yahoo.com](mailto:aleesahdarlison@yahoo.com) so she can display it on her website.