

## **The Great and Wondrous Storyteller**

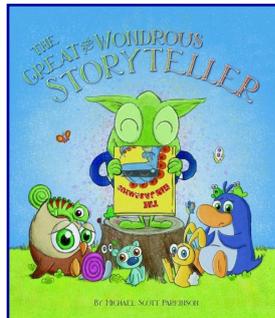
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Norbert is a little monster with very big ideas. He would secretly like to be a grown up, just like his dad. When Norbert decides one day that he is The Great and Wondrous Storyteller, there's only one problem. Norbert can't read. In fact, he's never picked up a book before. This is a story about books. Thin books and thick books. Tall books and short books. It's about the wonder of books. It's about the amazing stories they contain. But mostly it's about learning to take baby steps before you take on the world. A perfect story for adults to share with children.



### **Themes:**

- Books
- Reading
- Not telling the truth
- Wanting to be a grown up
- Imagination

### **Discussion Points:**

- Why do people like books and reading? Do you like reading books or having someone read you a story?
- What is your favourite book? What is it that makes it special for you?
- What are some of your favourite topics to read about?
- As a class, discuss the different types of books there are. What is your favourite type?
- Why do you think Norbert pretended to his friends that he was 'the great and wondrous storyteller'? Have you ever pretended to do something like Norbert did?
- Did his friends believe him at first? What made them start to question Norbert's ability? Do you think Norbert should have told them the truth at the start?
- Why do you think that Norbert wanted to be a grown up, just like his Dad? Do you sometimes feel like you want to grow up faster than you are?

### **Activities:**

- Do you like going to the library? Visit your local library (or your school library) and see all the things that you can do there, the books that they have and the other things that you can do there.
- Have a dress up day at school where you dress up as a character from one of your favourite books. You might like to have a school parade.
- Write your own book! It may only be a short story, but include colourful illustrations to help