

The Man With Messy Hair

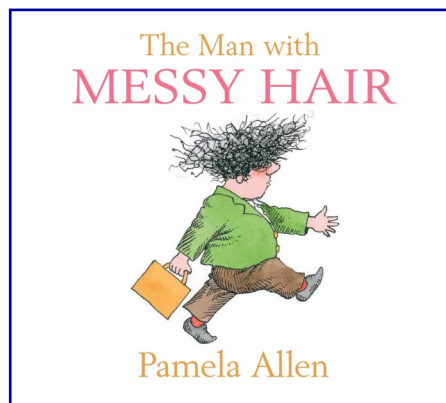
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There was a man with messy hair. He liked the mess. He didn't care. But his messy hair soon got him into all sorts of trouble! Perfect for acting and reading aloud, here is a fabulous new story from the inimitable Pamela Allen that children, their parents and their teachers will turn to time and time again.



Themes:

- Being individual or quirky
- Routine
- Being Messy

Discussion Points:

- Why do you think the man liked his hair messy?
- Do you think that it was part of his character and who he was?
- How do you like to keep your hair? Is it messy, or clean and tidy?
- What are some other things or areas of our lives that we can be 'tidy' or 'messy' with?
- What are you most 'messy' with? Do your parents like you being 'messy'?
- Do you think this story is partly trying to teach or warn us of something? Explain.
- Why do you think the bird landed on his head?
- How did this change the man's behaviour? Explain.
- The man had the same routine every day. What was it?
- Why do people have routines? Do you think it helps with keeping our lives organised? Do you have a routine?
- How and why did the reaction of the people that the man passed each day change once he started wearing his hair up?

Activities:

- Most people follow the same routine on a normal day. Write and illustrate a chart showing the things and the time that you do them on a normal day—for example, on a school day.
- Create a model or a puppet with the craziest hair that you can think of!