

Me, Teddy

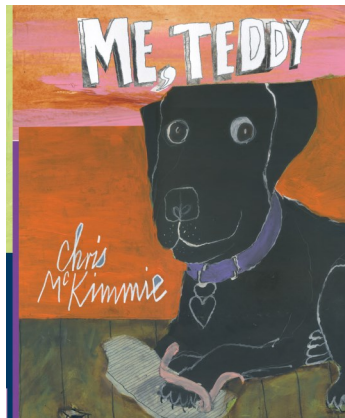
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I am Teddy. This is my scrap book. It's about me growing up from a little tiny puppy with a boofy head and big brown melty eyes to a big black labrador weighing 40 kilos (since I have been on a diet). This is me, Teddy...This hilarious and engaging story about a much loved pet is another triumph by Chris McKimmie...



Themes:

- Pets
- Family life
- Connections with the local area
- Love

Discussion Points:

- From whose viewpoint is this story told?
- How different do you think it would be if it was the other way around? Explain.
- Do you often wonder how pets see humans and what they are really thinking?
- Do you think that pets are misunderstood? Discuss.
- Teddy seems to create mischief and mayhem and this is something many dogs do. Why do we still love them and keep them as pets?
- If you have a pet, what is the most irritating thing that they do?
- What do they do that makes you love them?
- Make a list of Teddy's favourite things to do and eat?
- Why do you think he knows some 'human' words? Which ones are they?

Activities:

- Imagine you are a dog like Teddy. Make your own 'scrap book' like Teddy's. Study how Chris McKimmie has created the pictures and images (You may also like to study his other books).
- When Teddy's owners go away, they leave a letter for Carmen detailing all the things he likes and dislikes. Think of your pet (or one that you know), and leave a letter for the person looking after it, telling them all the special little things about them to help make their job of looking after it easier.