

## **Caspar and the Night Sea**

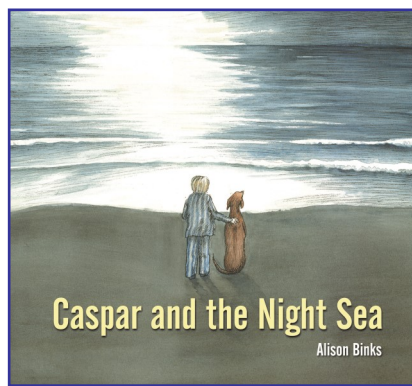
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*Caspar and the Night Sea* speaks to the imagination of children who are alive to the sound of the waves, and dream their own adventures while the rest of their household is sleeping. Caspar is a small boy with an adventurous soul who is drawn to the sea... Who will Caspar find out on the water tonight?



Teacher notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher, Windy Hollow Books.

### **Themes:**

- Being brave
- Spirit of adventure
- Freedom

### **Discussion Points:**

#### *Before reading*

- What does the cover tell you about what this story may be about?

#### *During Reading*

- Predict: Where do you think Caspar and Dog are going?  
Who are the dolphins referring to when they say 'They're there'?

#### *After Reading*

- What do you think are the main themes of this story?
- Do you think Caspar really sailed in to the night?
- How do you explain the sandy footprints that Mum finds?
- Have you ever dreamt about going on an adventure like Caspar did?
- If you could go exploring anywhere, where would you go and why? What do you think you would see on your adventure?

### **Activities:**

- Where in Australia might you see whales? Do you know when you might see them? Are they around at different times in different parts of Australia?
- Make a class map of where whales are found and when you can see them.
- What do you know about whales? Find out more about them.
- Make your own sea life mural.
- Write a story about your own make-believe night adventure.