

Petunia Paris's Parrot

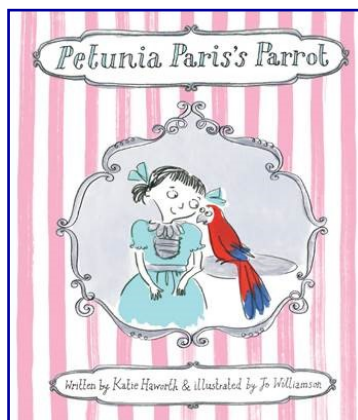
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Petunia Paris has everything she could possibly want, from a swimming pool to a bicycle with its very own chauffeur. When she requests a parrot for her fifth birthday, a parrot is what she gets. The problem is, Petunia Paris's parrot doesn't do what Petunia Paris wants it to do... A hilarious story with a moral lesson brought to life with classic and witty illustrations by Jo Williamson. Funny, quirky tale about a spoilt little girl who learns a valuable lesson.



Themes:

- Getting what you want
- Learning lessons
- Making things right
- Importance of home
- Birds and their natural environment

Discussion Points:

- Why do you think Petunia Paris couldn't think of a present that she wanted for her 5th birthday? Why did she always get what she wanted? Do you think this actually made her happy? Discuss.
- What did Petunia Paris do to try and get her parrot to talk? Why do you think the parrot didn't like all the things that Petunia did?
- Who made Petunia think of a different way to approach things with her parrot? What did they suggest? Why do you think Petunia hadn't thought of this herself?
- What was the one thing that her parrot really wanted?
- As a class, discuss the impact of taking animals and birds out of their natural environment.
- Do you think Petunia liked her 5th or 6th birthday more? Discuss what you think would have been good and bad about each one.
- How would you describe Petunia Paris at the start of the story? How would you describe her at the end of the story?
- How and why do you think she changed?
- What lessons do you think that Petunia learnt from her parrot?

Activities:

- Can you recall what type of parrot Petunia got and where it was from? Find out all you can about this type of parrot.
- Paint a bright and colourful class mural of the scene at the end of the story when Petunia's parrot is finally back home.