

The Three Emus

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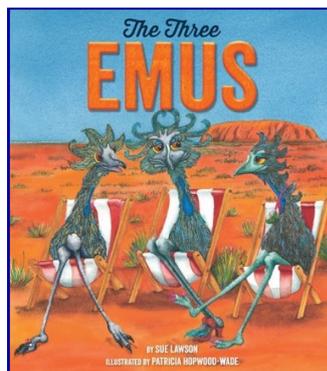
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This is the story of three inquisitive emus from Uluru — Roo, Mo and Flick.

Roo, the leader, is confident and bossy, Mo is indecisive and dithery and Flick is shy and timid. Shy Flick carries around a piece of hatch shell, much the same way a toddler might carry about a favourite blanket.

The trio spend their days wandering through the campsites, poking their beaks into tents, pockets and backpacks. Until one day when Flick is exploring, the shell is lost in a Swedish backpacker's pack. In a brave effort to retrieve the shell, the trio follow the backpacker's route around Australia. Will this inquisitive emu trio find Flick's precious shell, and what will they learn about themselves and Australia on this journey across the vast Australian land?



Themes:

- Special things
- Emus
- Travelling around Australia
- Famous sites

Discussion Questions:

- Just by looking at the cover, can you tell where the emus are?
- What do you know about Emus?
- What other Australian animals are mentioned in the story?
- Why does Flick think her precious shell is in the traveller's backpack?
- Do you have or have you ever had something that is very special to you like Flick's shell was to her? How and why do we get attached to certain things?
- Can you understand how upset she was that she lost it?
- The sisters follow the 'itinerary' of the travellers. Do you know what an 'itinerary' is?
- Can you recall where they went and in what order?
- What iconic things did they do or see in each place?
- Have you ever been to any of these places? If so, which ones? What did you like about it? What things did you do and see?
- Where did Flick eventually find her shell?
- Discuss the significance of where Flick put her shell at the end of the story.

Activities:

- Design a post card of the of your favourite place that you have been on holidays or that you might like to go on holidays and then write your postcode to someone special, telling them all the things that you did when you were there.