

## **Me and You**

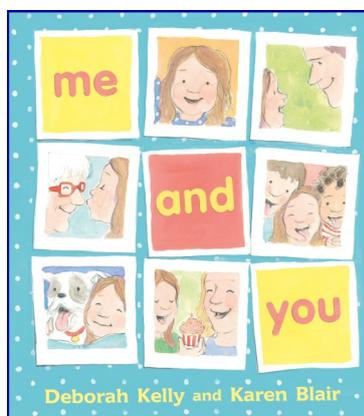
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A delightful rhyming picture book that celebrates all the special relationships and fun-filled activities in a child's life, their special bonds with parents, grandparents, cousins, neighbours and pets, as well as all the wonderful fun-filled days they enjoy together- from beach and baking days, to cycling and footy-kicking or simply lazy days. This is a joyous, accessible picture book perfect for sharing with children.



### **Themes:**

- Family
- Friends
- Relationships
- Having fun
- Childhood

### **Discussion Questions:**

- When you look at the cover of the book, what do you think it might be about and why?
- This story is a celebration of having fun and being a child. What is your favourite thing about being a child?
- There are many fun things highlighted in this story. Of all of them, what would be the thing that you would like to do the most?
- Who are some of the people that you play with?
- Some of the things in the story are 'organised' and others are not. Can you pick the difference between them? Do you prefer to do organised things or things that just happen?
- Many of the days have been given names, ie: pedal-pushing days. Think about a time when you have been on school holidays and the things that you did. Can you come up with some 'day names' for the activities that you did with your family and friends?
- Playing can also involve learning. What are some of the activities in this story that also teach life skills? Discuss how playing can make learning fun.
- Do you think as we get older we stop playing and having fun? Do you think it has to be that way? How can we continue to have fun as we get older?

### **Activities:**

- The inside cover of the book shows our main character in pictures with all different people who are important in her life. Create your own 'photo page' showing all the people who you love to do things with. Display all these in your class.
- Draw or paint a picture of you doing your favourite thing or playing your favourite game.