

Guff

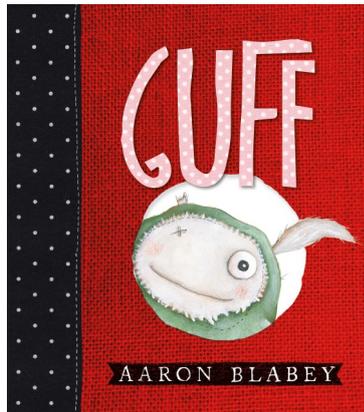
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This is my Guff. He's really nice. I've known him since I was little. And I still know him even now I'm big. A funny and delightful picture book for anyone who's ever had a little fabric friend. From the award-winning and best-selling author, Aaron Blabey.



Themes:

- Favourite things
- Security
- Love
- Growing up

Discussion Questions & Activities:

- How would you describe Guff?
- What do you think he was made of?
- Make your own version of Guff. Look closely at all the intricate details in the illustrations.
- How do you think the little girl came up with his name?
- Why do you think we get attached to special things?
- Do you have a favourite thing? If so, what is it?
- If it has a special name, how did you come up with it?
- How long have you had it for? Why is it special to you?
- Have you ever lost or misplaced it? How did this make you feel?
- What do you think the Mum in the story thinks about Guff? From her facial expressions, use three words to describe how you think she feels about him.
- Draw a picture of Guff when the girl was little and then another one of Guff when the girl had grown up. Highlight the differences. Why do you think he has changed so much? Did these changes stop the girl loving him? Discuss.
- The girl talks about Guff as if he is real, ie: having personality traits like being great or naughty. Why do you think she does this?
- Is it easy to think of our 'things' as being real?
- Why do you think it is hard to let go of things that you have had since you were small?
- Do you think the girl in the story will eventually be less reliant on Guff? Discuss.
- Imagine something of yours has been lost. Make your own 'lost' poster. Display these in your classroom.