

Small Town

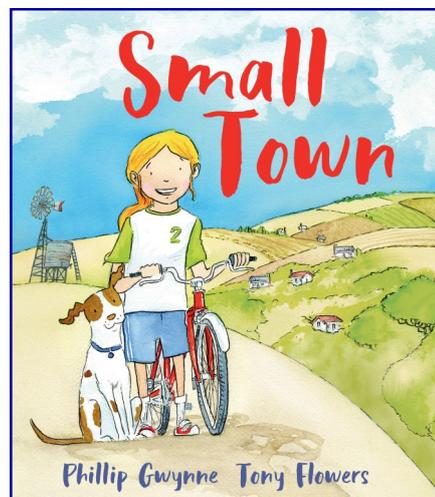
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Milly loves the small town she lives in and she loves playing basketball with her friends. The trouble is, families keep leaving, and soon they won't have enough players for a team. But when Milly learns at school about the refugees who have nowhere to live, she has a great idea - invite them to Gong Gong!



Themes:

- Community
- Refugees
- Helping others

Discussion Questions:

- Looking at the first page with the words 'This is me', how would you describe the landscape where Milly is standing?
- What sort of town do you think Milly lives in?
- Why do people keep leaving the town?
- Do you think that this is a common problem in country towns? Discuss this as a class.
- Why do you think Milly came up with the idea of writing to the refugees that she was learning about at school? What does this tell us about her character?
- How did Milly's Granny help her? Can you recall what they included in their video?
- If you were to make a video to try and entice people to come to your town, what would you include?
- Why was the Mayor initially worried about all the refugees arriving?
- What are some of the challenges of settling into a new town?
- What are the practical things that you would have to think about?
- How would you describe the last scene? Does this show that Milly's idea was a success?

Activity:

- Towns come in all different sizes and forms. Conduct some research into the town that you live in. Include in your answers such things as: geographical features, population size, demographics such as density, average income levels, age of the population, occupations, and ethnicity (just as some examples), as well things like if the town is famous in any way, including high profile people who may have been born there. Think of a creative way to show this information.