

## **Arno and His Horse**

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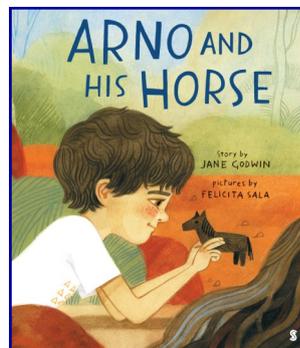
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Arno had a horse, it was brown and it was black. He took it with him everywhere, but did he bring it back?

When Arno loses his precious toy horse, all the kids in town help him to look for it. They look everywhere, but will Arno ever see his horse again?

A touching story about memory, dreams, and the mysterious ways we feel connected to those we love.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

### **Themes:**

- Family
- Loss
- Memory
- Dreams
- Community
- Self-soothing

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Do you have a favourite toy? What makes it so special to you?
- When Arno lost his horse, who helped him look for it?
- What does this tell you about the community that Arno lives in?
- Why did Arno love his horse so much? Why was it more than just a toy to him? What and who did it remind him of?
- Was his reaction to be expected when he lost it? Discuss as a class.
- What sense do you get of how important Arno's Grandpa was to him?
- Can you relate to missing someone as much as Arno missed his Grandpa?
- How did Arno's dreams about his Grandpa help him feel connected to him and his horse?
- Describe how you think Arno felt at the end of the story.

### ***Show and tell***

- Bring your favourite toy to school, or draw a picture of it and, if you feel comfortable, tell the class what you love about it.

### ***Storytelling***

- Tell a story about losing something precious and then finding it again. Will it be found in a super wild or unlikely place, or somewhere really obvious?

### ***Craft***

- Use modelling clay to make a little toy horse, and just like Grandpa did, give it to someone you love.