

Reggie Round and the Aga Panthers

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Picture Book of
the Month

Reggie Round has always been afraid of the house next door. He's sure wild beasts live in the garden – especially when he hears his parents talking about their neighbour's aga panthers. What kind of feral beasts could they be? Will they invade Reggie's yard? And is Reggie brave enough to find out?

A captivating story about broadening your horizons – and letting your imagination run wild.



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

Themes:

- Imagination
- Fear
- Difference
- Friendship
- Australian plants and flowers

Discussion Questions and Activities:

Comprehension:

- Why is Reggie afraid of the house next door? Look at the picture of the two houses on the first page and make a list of the differences between them.
- Make a list of all of the things in the book that are blue – other than their colour, is there anything the same about them?
- Does Reggie's imagination make his fear of things worse? Draw a picture of something you're afraid of.
- How does Reggie misunderstand what an agapanthus is? Have you ever misunderstood the meaning of a word? Make a list of words you can think of that mean one thing but sound as if they mean something different.
- What happens when Reggie overcomes his fear?
- Re-read the first page of the book, and the last. What has changed between the two?

Writing Exercise:

- Write about a time that you were afraid to try something new. What were you afraid of? When you did it, was it as bad as you thought it might be? Write about yourself as if you were a character in a story, like Reggie. How would you tell your story to someone else?

Creative Activities:

- Reggie uses his imagination to travel to other worlds. Draw a picture of one of the places your imagination takes you and describe it for someone who has never been there before. What colour would it be? What kind of creatures live there? Is there anything in this place that you're afraid of?
- Choose a plant or flower that you love and use it as inspiration to create a creature for a story. Think about the colour and the shape, or the name, or where you found it to help you come up with details about the kind of creature you'll create. Draw a picture of your creature and give it a name.