

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

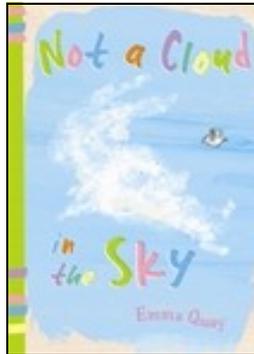
## Not A Cloud in the Sky

By Emma Quay  
ISBN 9780733330919  
\$24.99

Picture Book of  
the Month

Bird had been flying for such a long time.  
Sometimes everything looked the same all over.  
Nothing different.  
Nothing at all.  
Apart from the odd cloud ...

A beautiful new picture book about how finding a friend can change the shape of a day.



You may like to visit Emma Quay's website [www.emmaquay.com.au](http://www.emmaquay.com.au) and read her notes on this book — they give a very in depth insight into the story that might be a great resource for use with the older children.

### Themes:

- Loneliness
- Looking at things differently
- Friendship

### Discussion Points:

- Can you think of other things, that like clouds, change their shape and can look like other things?
- How important are friends in our lives? How can they change the way that we think and look at things?
- How did Bird finding Cloud change his life? Do you think his whole attitude changed once he had found Cloud? Explain.
- 'See you in the morning?' called Bird. 'I could be many things tomorrow,' said Cloud. But I'll be there...in one way or another.' What do you think this means?
- Study the last two pages of the book closely. How would you describe the expressions on the birds faces, particularly the bird that flew in? What do you think he is hoping for?
- When Bird wakes up the next morning, do you think he will have found other friends? Explain. Do you think his experience with Cloud helped him.

### Activities:

- Using cotton wool, paste and paper, create your own 'cloud'. Make it into an animal or shape (but don't tell anyone what it is). As a class, have a guessing game of all the things that have been made.
- Have an afternoon looking at the clouds and see what things you can see.