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Teacher Notes and Activities

Bridie's Boots

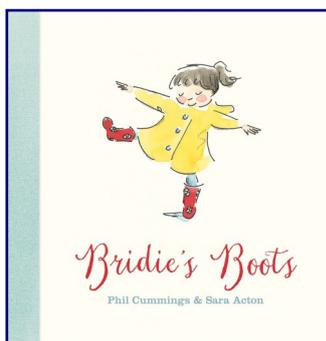
By Phil Cummings & Illustrated by Sara Acton

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When Bridie receives a pair of gumboots wrapped in rainbow paper for her fifth birthday she is delighted. They are the best boots ever! Just right for splashing in puddles and twirling on tiptoes. But when she turns six Bridie decides her boots should go on a big adventure.



Teacher notes have been taken from those prepared by the publisher, Working Title Press. A full version will be available at www.workingtitlepress.com.au.

Themes:

- Caring For Each Other
- Sustainability
- The Environment
- Poverty

Discussion Points and Activities:

- Share *Bridie's Boots* with small groups. Give the children time to look at the pictures, make their own observations, ask questions, and reflect on what might be happening in the story. Help the children to create their own 'sense' of the story. Take time to let the children linger over each page, or move on when they are ready.
- Share your own reflections with the children. Talk about how Bridie might be feeling, and what she is thinking. Talk about how we know this through the combination of the words and the pictures. For example: *Bridie hugged her boots tightly. 'My poor boots,' she sighed. 'What will happen to them?'*
- Talk about how giving her boots away opened Bridie up to the wider world.
- Ask the children if they have a favourite item that they can no longer use. How did they feel when that happened?
- When you read the story with the children, point out how the pictures show differences. For example, where Bridie lives in contrast to the faraway place where the boots are sent.
- Create pictures using Sara Acton's techniques. Do the drawing first, with crayon or waterproof ink and then add the watercolour over the top. The children can choose to do character studies, objects, landscapes, seascapes, buildings and other forms of shelter.
- Sara Acton has put in some visual jokes – look for them. What is the dog looking at in the cupboard? What is Bridie wearing on her head when she leaves the charity shop? Is this a replacement for the boots?
- This warm, light-hearted book introduces young readers to some of the big issues that face our world today. Talk with children about some of the issues raised in this seemingly simple story. These talks can be with individual children and/or small groups as you read the story with them, or with all of the children in a large group.