Grandma Z
By Daniel Gray-Barnett
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On an ordinary day, in an even more ordinary town, it was Albert's birthday.

When Grandma Z roars into town on her motorcycle, Albert is swept up in a very extraordinary adventure.

This glorious debut from Daniel Gray-Barnett is filled with wonder, imagination, and a wild, magical spirit that will thrill young and old.

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

**Themes:**
- Family
- Imagination
- Play
- Adventure
- Birthdays

**Discussion Questions:**
- Before you read the book, what do you think the story will be about?
- After reading it, were you surprised by the story? Why or why not?
- Do you think Albert's parents realised how important his birthday was to him and that it wasn't just an 'ordinary day'? Discuss.
- Why do you think the illustrations in the first few pages are mostly in black and white?
- How do the changes in the colour of the illustrations change the mood of the story?
- Albert feels like there are one hundred butterflies in his stomach. What emotion do you think he is feeling?
- Turn to the page with the birthday cake. Try to spot all the characters from Albert and Grandma Z's adventures.
- How does Albert change from the beginning of the book to the end?
- Why do you think Grandma Z had such an influence on Albert?
- How do you think that just one person was able to make such a change to Albert’s life?
- Do you have someone in your life like Grandma Z? If so, why are they so important and special to you?

**Activities:**
- Write a story about the best birthday party you have ever had.
- Using blue and orange paint (to give it a Grandma Z feel), create a picture that highlights the things that you would want to do on your birthday if you could do anything at all.
- Draw a picture of your grandma or another family member and all the adventures you have had together. You could also make it a comic, or a picture book story like Grandma Z.