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Teacher Notes and Activities

Oliver and George

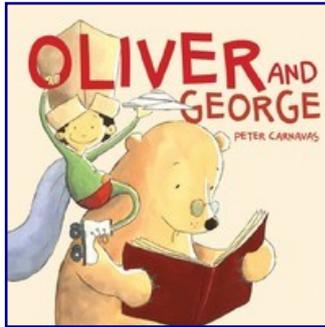
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Oliver tries desperately to get George to play with him, but George is far too engrossed in his book. A brilliantly crafted, humorous picture book with a twist from award-winning author Peter Carnavas.



Teacher notes have been taken from those prepared by the publisher, New Frontier Publishing. A full version is available at www.newfrontier.com.au

Themes:

- Friendship
- Reading
- Patience

Discussion Points:

Before and during reading the book:

- Introduce the book – read the title and ask students to comment on the cover illustration. Which one is Oliver? Which one is George? How would you describe the characters?
- As you read the opening pages, ask the children if they've ever been told "In a minute".
- Continue reading and encourage students to join in with the repeated lines... "So mad" and "George wasn't mad at all".
- What will Oliver do this time? Will anything make George mad?

After reading the book:

- What do they think about the ending? What happened? How do you think George the bear feels now?
- What do you think Oliver should have done? What would you do to get somebody's attention?
- What do you think would happen next if the story kept going?

Activities:

Critical and Creative Thinking: *Oliver and George*: A Play!

- *Oliver and George* is a bit like a two-character play on a blank stage. The story could be performed by pairs as a play. The props are simple and easy to prepare: a paper plane, a book, a bowl, a cardboard box, a feather and some dress-up clothes for Oliver.

Write the sequel:

- At the end of the story, George is finally ready to play but now Oliver is too engrossed in the book. As a class or individually, you can make a sequel to *Oliver and George*, following the same pattern of text, but this time George is trying to get Oliver's attention. What would George do?