

## **Sebastian and the Special Stack of Stories**

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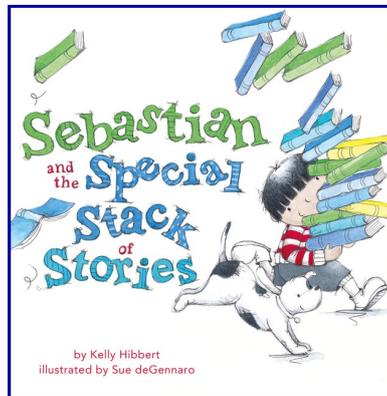
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Storytime is always special, but even more so when Mum is reading the stack of stories that Sebastian has collected.

Sebastian trots off at a slow steady speed with a bundle of books he'd love someone to read.

Where can you find the best spot to hear a story when you're the smallest and the slowest one in a big family? Sebastian knows.



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

### **Themes:**

- Family
- Belonging
- Reading
- Measurement

### **Discussion Questions & Activities:**

- Talk to students about their family. Draw family trees with the students and where they are in the family.
- Discuss vocabulary from the text that students found challenging.
- *Measurement Activity* - Compare the height of 3 friends and draw a picture labelling their height and writing your friend's names. Compare the length of 3 friend's shoes.
- Discuss with the children their favourite way to read stories. Is there a place they like best?
- Who do they like to read with and why?
- Name all the brothers and sisters and discuss their descriptions. Are they true to character?
- Examine with the students Lanky-legs Louis, Noodle-brain Jake, Smarty-pants Anthony and Clever-clogs Benny. Without explanation, can students use the context to explain the meaning of the descriptions?
- Look at the front and the back-cover of the book - can you tell a story from what you see?
- Using the list of words (Activity Sheet attached), what other words can you add that helps describe the story?
- Examine the final page, describe what you can see. Is everyone happy with their positions?