

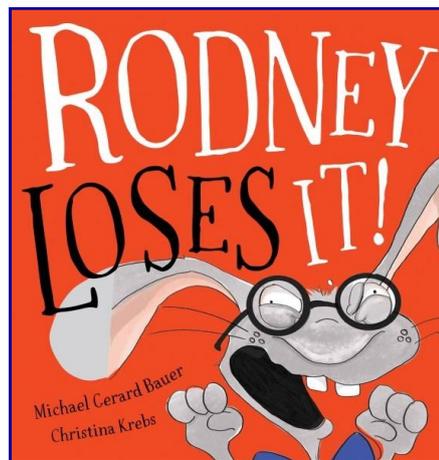
Rodney Loses It!

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Rodney was a rabbit who loved nothing more than drawing. He never found it tiresome, tedious or boring. But then one day, disaster struck, the one thing Rodney feared, while working at his drawing desk his pen just...DISAPPEARED! A truly hysterical search for a missing pen, by award-winning author Michael Gerard Bauer.



Themes:

- Favourite things
- Drawing and creating
- Being forgetful
- Losing things

Discussion Questions:

- Just by looking at the front cover, how would you describe Rodney.
- Rodney's favourite thing was to draw. Do you like to draw? If so, what is your favourite type of thing to draw? What do you like drawing with, example pens, pencils, markers, etc?
- How does drawing make you feel?
- Can you recall some of the pictures that Rodney drew?
- Do you have a favourite pen like Rodney did?
- How would you describe Rodney's reaction to losing his pen?
- Why do we get frustrated when we lose things or forget where we have put them?
- Have you ever lost something that is special to you? If you have, share with the class what it was. Was it lost for good, or if you found it, where was it? Was it in a place that you would expect?
- What were some of the things that Rodney had lost before?
- Rodney has a name for his favourite pen, Penny? Have you ever given an object a name? Why do you think this is something that we do? Discuss this as a class.
- How do you think the rhyming text has added to the story? Do you think it would have been as enjoyable to read without it?
- Where was Penny hiding?
- Once Penny appeared, do you think Rodney realised where she had been all along?

Activities:

- There are lots of ways to draw. Brainstorm different drawing instruments and techniques. As a class or in groups, choose a topic or a theme and create your own group or class mural, using some of the different drawing instruments and techniques from your list.