

## **A Day At The Show**

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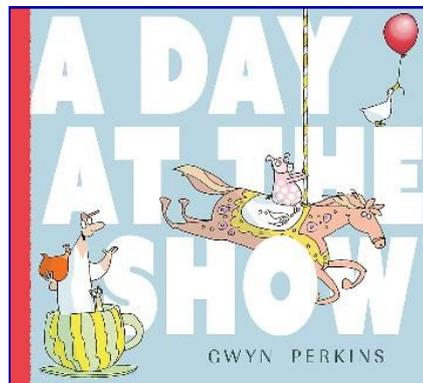
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**Picture Book of  
the Month**

Doreen the hen has laid another perfect egg! Little Iggy and Grandad think she deserves a prize. What follows is a family trip to the colourful chaos of the Show, filled with spinning tea cups, merry-go-rounds, lots of animals and some healthy competition. Here is a story about family adventures, the magic of the show, and the joy of running one tiny car into another.



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

### **Themes:**

- Togetherness
- Learning through fun
- Competition
- Losing graciously

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Have you been to a show? What was your favourite thing to do there? Tell the class a story about a time you have been to a show and how it made you feel.
- What is your favourite farm animal? Draw a picture, and don't forget to give them a name!
- Are there certain animals you can spot on nearly every page? Did you see the cow with the smiley face?
- Grandad and Iggy like going places together. Who is your favourite person to take on an adventure? What kind of things do you like to do together? Write a letter to this person, inviting them to join you. Talk about the special things that every letter needs. How do you set out a letter? And address an envelope?
- Do you have a favourite ride at the show? Draw a picture of it.
- What would you do if you could build a brand new ride? What would it look like? Draw your version of the perfect ride, and show it to the class. Discuss how it might work, and how you could make it safe to ride. Alternatively, make a model of your ride using craft materials.
- How do Grandad and Iggy react when Doreen loses her competition? How do you react when you lose at something? Discuss as a class, and create a list of things you can do to feel better when you lose.
- Design your own showbag! Look up other showbag examples, then create your own. Draw what the outside of the bag would look like, as well as all the things you would find inside it.
- Discuss as a class how the real agricultural competitions at a show work. Talk about how farmers prepare their livestock to be shown, and what kinds of things the judges are looking for.
- Some shows have sections where kids can enter artwork, baking or crafts. Discuss as a class what you would enter, and if this book is being read to tie in with an upcoming show, use this as an opportunity to prepare items to be entered.
- There are different names for different baby animals. How many do you know? Discuss the common ones as a class and create a list.