

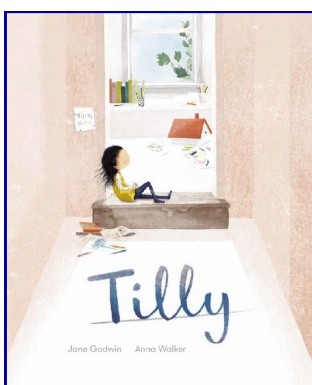
Tilly

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Tilly has found the perfect hiding place to keep her special treasures. No one knows about it, not even her big brothers and sister, who know everything. But one day, something happens that Tilly could never have imagined... Jane Godwin and Anna Walker have created a wistful, enchanting and timeless story about an old house, a young girl, and how the small things we hold dear stay with us always.



Themes:

- Treasures
- Family
- Memories
- Emotion

Discussion Questions:

- Before you read the story, are there any clues on the front cover as to what the story might be about?
- How many siblings does Tilly have?
- What were some of the items that Tilly said 'covered the whole house'? Are these the sorts of things that get left lying around your house?
- 'Sometimes there was no room for Tilly'. Why do you think that Tilly felt like this? Do you think that this is a common feeling when you have a number of siblings. Discuss this as a class.
- When Tilly discovered her hiding place, can you recall the items that she placed in there?
- Why do you think that these items were special to Tilly?
- Think about what is special to you. Make a list of the things that you would place in a safe, secret hiding place if you had one.
- How do you think Tilly felt about having a secret spot that no one else knew about?
- When Tilly's treasures got trapped under the new carpet, how did she feel? Do you think that you would have similar emotions to Tilly? Discuss.
- How did Tilly try to deal with her sense of loss?
- What do you think she put in her new hiding spot?
- What can we learn from Tilly about how important it is to have memories and appreciate the things that we had?
- Look at the last page. Do you think that it is significant where Tilly's cat is sitting?

Activity:

- The author and illustrator have created instructions on how to make your own Tilly treasure box. You may like to do this as a class activity and then display them around your classroom. You can find instructions at the following website: <https://www.twiglet.com.au/tinyideas/tillytreasures>