

Nala The Koala

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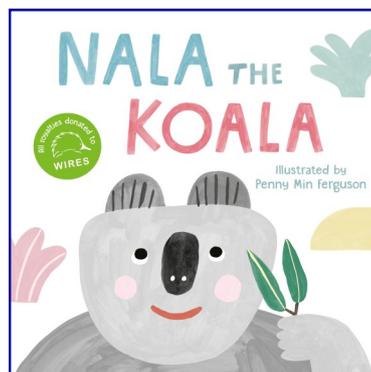
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Nala the koala has lost her home. She searches far and wide, but some places are too sandy, some are too smoky and some are just too scratchy! Where have all the trees gone?

A sweet story that gently touches on displacement, finding your home and preserving precious environments.

All royalties from sales of this book will be donated to WIRES to help protect koalas and other Australian animals in need.



Themes:

- Vulnerable and endangered animals
- Habitat
- Australian animals
- Displacement

Discussion Questions & Activities:

- How would you describe how Nala looked on the first page?
- Do you think that you would feel like Nala did if you had to find a new home? Discuss this as a class.
- What were the reasons that Nala gave for not wanting to live at the beach, a street or a farm?
- What animals did Nala meet when she was walking to find a new home?
- Can you recall where the kangaroo and the wombat lived?
- Why do you think different animals have different habitats?
- Why weren't the homes of the kangaroo or wombat suitable for Nala? What did she need in a home?
- Why do you think that Nala needed a new home in the first place?
- In small groups, find out what or who is the biggest threat today to the survival of koalas and their habitat. Share your findings with the class.
- Why is it so important to look after our native wildlife?
- 'They work and work to replant the bush. Together, they make a difference.' How, why and who did this do you think?
- What other animals appeared once the trees and vegetation had regrown?