

A Human for Kingsley

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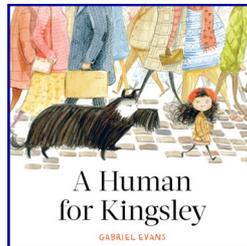
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Kingsley had decided to own a human. This was not a decision to be taken lightly. After all, owning a human is a responsibility.

But finding the right kind of human is much harder than Kingsley expected. Some are too bossy. Some are too busy. And some just don't seem to appreciate a dog the way they should. Will Kingsley ever find a human that is exactly right?

A sweet, tender and deeply funny story about the power of friendship, and one dog's mission to find his perfect person.



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

Themes:

- Friendship
- Mannerisms
- Fitting in
- Choices
- Responsibility

Discussion topics might include:

- What we look for in a friend
- How we find friends
- Our responsibilities to our friends and family (including pets!)
- How to make difficult decisions

Comprehension:

- What do you learn about Kingsley in the story? What does he like?
- Kingsley knows that owning a human is a BIG responsibility (p1). Why is it such a big responsibility? What do you have to think about when you make the decision to adopt a human (or pet)?
- Find five adjectives in the story that describe the humans Kingsley meets. Write them out in your book. Now think of five adjectives that describe humans you know.
- How is the human Kingsley follows home different to the other humans he meets? Why does he decide to keep her?
- Who is the main character in the book? How would the story be different if the main character was the little girl?
- Kingsley's human has a lot of hobbies. What are they? Make a list of your hobbies. What kind of pet would you get along best with?
- What does Kingsley really want from a human? How is this similar to what we want from a friend or a pet?

Writing Exercise:

- Kingsley tries a lot of humans out before he finds the one that's right for him. Write a scene where Kingsley meets a new human. What are they doing? Why does Kingsley think they might be the right human for him? Does it work out? Why/why not?

Creative Activities:

- Choose a scene from the book where Kingsley interacts with one of his potential humans. What is happening in the scene? How is each of the characters feeling? How do you know? Choose an emotion that you feel often, and draw a picture of yourself feeling that way.
- Make a list of five things you would want from your perfect pet. Draw a pet to match your description.