

## Market Day

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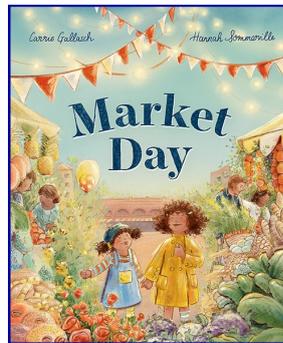
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When a girl is given a coin to spend at the market, she thinks carefully about what to buy. She is tempted by the towering stacks of fruit, spinning rides and glass jars filled with sweets.

But it isn't until a stranger gives something to her, without expecting anything in return, that she knows exactly what to do with her coin.

A story brimming with joy, generosity and magic from two of Australia's beloved picture book creators. Carrie Gallasch's beautiful text evokes the warmth and community of the market, while Hannah Sommerville brings this glorious world to life with rich colour and texture.



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

### Themes:

- Family
- Traditions
- Money
- Community
- Creativity

### Discussion Questions and Activities:

#### *Comprehension:*

- In your own words, describe the routine that this family follows every market day.
- What kind of foods are at the market in the story? Which ones does the narrator of the story dislike (and how do you know they dislike them)?
- How do you feel when you read this book? What parts of the story make you feel this way?
- How do you think the narrator feels about market days?
- What kinds of people does the narrator see at the market? Describe some of the other market-goers you see in the pictures.
- What does the narrator finally decide to do with her coin? What do you think makes her decide?
- The market is a type of community. What communities are you a part of? How does it feel to belong to a community?
- Why is the music so important? What else can you find at a market that isn't for sale?
- Look at the final page of the story – what is the difference between the words and the picture?

#### *Creative Activities:*

- Do you have a market that you go to? Next time you go to the market (or the shops) take a notebook and make a list of the items you discover. What do they look, smell or sound like?
- Are they similar or different to the items described in the story?
- Describe what you would have bought at the market. How much would it cost? Draw a picture of your choice.
- This story uses a lot of adjectives to describe the mountains of goodies at the market, and the people who move through it. What is an adjective? What adjectives would you use to describe the people who go to your local market, and the things you find there? (Come up with three examples for each of these.)