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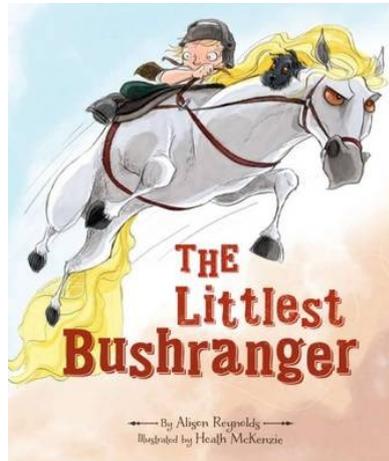
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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Littlest Bushranger

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The Littlest Bushranger is an epic, swashbuckling story about Jack, who is left at home with his faithful dog Hector when his sister Lil starts going to school. But their ordinary day is about to be transformed when a fiendish, oddly bird-shaped outlaw suddenly descends on them. For fans of *Where the Wild Things Are* and *The Gruffalo*, *The Littlest Bushranger* captures the unique language of the Australian outback in an engaging picture book.



Themes:

- Bushrangers
- Imagination
- Amusing yourself

Discussion Points:

- How did Jack feel when his sister went to school and he didn't after they had spent the holidays playing together?
- How do you feel when your school holidays end?
- What did Lil give Jack to take care of whilst she was at school?
- Do you know what an 'Outlaw' and a 'Bushranger' are?
- Have you heard of any famous 'Outlaws' and 'Bushrangers'? If so, who? What do you know about them?
- Jack's imagination allowed him to play by himself. Why is it important to be able to do this?
- What are some of the games that you like to play when you are at home?
- Who do you play them with?
- As a class, match up the items that are real with the items that Jack thought they were.

Activities:

- Have a 'Bushranger' dress up day at school.
- Imagine you are the Bushranger chasing the Outlaw. Draw how you imagine you and the Outlaw would look, along with a scene from your battle. Display these in your class.
- Take a closer look around your own back yard. If you were playing the game that Jack did, what items would transform into other things, just like in this story?