

Lucy's Book

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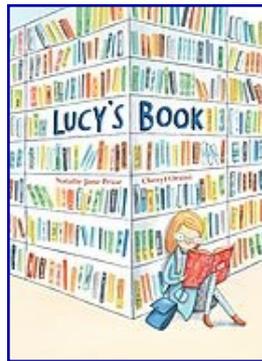
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**PICTURE BOOK OF
THE MONTH**

Lucy's mum takes her to the library every Saturday. Lucy loves to read, but there is one special book that she borrows over and over again. The book is shared between friends, dropped in the ocean, flown to China and even made into a banana sandwich. But what will happen when everyone's favourite book goes missing?



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

Themes:

- Books, Reading and Libraries
- Sharing
- Friendship

Discussion Questions & Activities:

- Reading is one of the most pleasurable experiences. Invite students to discuss the appeal of reading. Does it take a special book to make a person a reader?
- Write an imagined story describing a library book's journey into foreign places.
- Design an advertising campaign (badges, posters, stickers etc.) promoting libraries.
- Lucy enjoys her friends reading her favourite book as well. How easy is it to share your favourite things? Are you a person who shares things easily? What would you find hard to share?
- Lucy likes reading with her friends. What do you enjoy doing with your friends?
- The library is a community centre. What role does it play in a community?
- The Market Day depicted in this book demonstrates that social cohesion is often created by shared places and activities. People of all ages gather in the square in front of the library to attend the regular market day. What events bring your community together?
- What other places are depicted in this book where people gather as a community, or as a family?
- Invite students to bring their favourite book to class. Ask them to tell the class why they like it. Share the books and ask other students to review or respond to one of their classmates' choice of book. Make a list of the class's favourite books and keep them in a classroom 'library' while you conduct this exercise.
- Finish this sentence: 'My library book is late because I...' - Come up with creative reasons why you haven't returned a book!
- Finish this sentence: 'The book I would most like to take on holiday is ...' - Explain why this book is a good one to read on holiday.
- Lucy reads in several different places. What is your favourite place to read? Draw a picture of you in that place. What do you think Lucy's favourite book is about? What clues appear in the visual or written text?
- Create a classroom mural which shows you and your friends reading in your favourite places.
- Create a diorama of Market Day using a cardboard box.
- Lucy is sad when she discovers her book has been discarded from the library (pp 26–27), and she is depicted on a double page spread with many other books around her. Invite students to give a title to some/all of these books based on the images on the covers.
- The front and back endpapers depict books. Create your own pattern like this (BM 1 below attached)

BLACKLINE MASTERS

BM 1 LUCY'S ENDPAPER / WALLPAPER PATTERNS

Design your own wallpaper pattern using the image of a book below. First, examine the endpapers of this book. Then colour in the books, decorate them, add devices such as stars and stripes and spots, add other images to make the pattern unique. You can enlarge this to A3 and repeat the pattern to create a wallpaper.

