

Under The Love Umbrella

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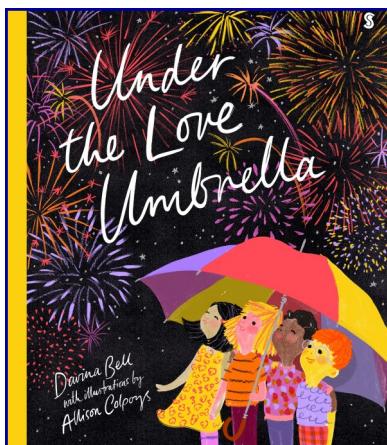
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Whatever you fear, come close my dear
You're tucked in safe for always here
And I will never not be near
Because of our love umbrella.

From this award-winning creative duo comes a stunning celebration of the joy and comfort that love can bring - wherever we roam in the big, wild world.



Themes:

- Love
- Family
- Protection

Discussion Questions:

- Before you read the story, what do you think the term 'Under the Love Umbrella' means?
- After reading the story, did your thoughts change at all?
- There are many different scenarios in the story when things didn't go well for the children. As a class, go through each one and make a list of emotions that the children may have been feeling at the particular time.
- Can you relate to the things that the children experienced in the story? Think of one of these situations where something the same or similar has happened to you. Who helped you in that situation?
- Would you describe your family as having a 'love umbrella' over you?
- How could you extend the concept of a 'love umbrella' to your friends and others around you?
- What practical things can you do to show your friends that you are there for them?
- How many umbrellas can you count throughout the story? With your class, see how many students came up with the same answer, and then count the umbrellas together.
- The illustrator has used very vibrant, neon colours. What do you think this adds to the story? What difference do you think it would make if the colours weren't so bright?

Activities:

- Umbrellas come in all sorts of sizes and colours. Paint your own 'Love Umbrella'. Use may like to use neon colours like has been done in the story, or design your own unique colour pattern.
- Think of someone who you would describe as having a 'love umbrella' over you. Write a short letter to them thanking them for always being there for you.