



## I'm Bored

by Michael Ian Black

What happens when a feisty, bored, little girl meets a feisty, bored, potato? A humorous story that both children and parents will enjoy! The nameless child is shocked to learn that the potato doesn't think kids are any fun, at all. She is determined to change its point of view by sharing many wonderful things that kids can do. As the bored child tries to convince a bored potato that it's better to be a kid than a potato, you will see the girl's mind expand from single skills and talents to more creative elaborate thoughts. As her brain opens, her ideas take on creativity, imagination, and excitement. Ah, ha....the little girl realizes that being a kid is great! (Notice that the girl never mentions technology when she lists things that kids can do that are more fun than just being a potato!)

The ink drawings are very simple without a background. The focus is on the characters and their emotions.

The New York Times hailed it a Notable Child's Book - 2012. There are 872 ratings and 202 reviews on [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) , averaging 4.11 out of 5. *I'm Bored* was on The Canadian Children's Book Centre's Summer Reading List for 2013.

The Reading Comprehension Best Practice that works well with this simple plot and text is **Summarizing**. After completing the Third Reading, your listener will be asked to summarize the lesson learned from the text by completing the sentence: Being bored \_\_\_\_\_. Then, add a few examples from the text to explain the sentence. Voila, the summary is complete!

It is a silly book that will be great to read with a child who is "bored" on a cold fall or winter afternoon when nothing seems fun and all suggestions are boring.