



I'm Bored

First Reading: Illustrations

You will notice the simplicity of the illustrations. There is no background. The setting is not important. Ms. Ohi, the illustrator, keeps the focus on the characters' facial expressions and actions.

Before you begin, talk about the title of the book. What does it mean to be bored? (to be tired or weary out of dullness, lack of enjoyment due to dullness or repetition of a task)

Talk about times when your child or you have felt bored.

On many of the pages, a word or phrase is part of the illustration, as on pages 6 and 7. Read them before you discuss the questions.

*To number the pages: The text begins on page 1.

Pages 1 - 4:

- On pages 1 - 3, how is the little girl feeling? How can you tell? Why might she be feeling this way?
- On page 4, why do you think her expression changes?

Pages 5 - 7:

- On page 5, how does she seem to be feeling?
- Why do you think she throws the potato in the air?
- On the bottom of page 7, why might the girl seem surprised? (The potato has a face and seems to be talking.)

Page 8 - 11:

- The girl and the potato seem to be talking to each other. Look at their expressions.
- Let's imagine what might they be saying to each other.



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Pages 12 - 16:

- On pages 12 - 15, what is the girl doing in each of the pictures? How does she seem to be feeling?
- How does the potato seem to be feeling as the girl performs each stunt?
- On page 16, what might the girl and the potato be saying to each other?

Pages 17 - 23:

- On each of these pages, discuss:
 - What does the little girl seem to be doing in each of the pictures?
 - How is she feeling?
- Contrast her feelings to the feelings of the potato. (She seems to be having fun and happy. The potato seems to be unhappy.)

Pages 24 - 28:

- On page 24, what is the girl wearing?
- On pages 24 and 25, how do the girl and the potato seem to be feeling?
- What changes occur on pages 26 and 27?
- Discuss how you think the story ends.
- Look at the faces of the other forest animals. How are they feeling about the actions of the dragons?
- The mysterious girl appears on page 9. She isn't offering Zog a bandaid. What do you think she is offering to him this time?
- Who do you think she is?