



Billy Bear's Brown Hair

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TEACHING NOTES

SYNOPSIS

When Billy Bear tries to change his appearance, he realises it doesn't bring him happiness. With the help of his friend, Funny bunny, he discovers that staying true to himself is the most important thing. A book that celebrates friendship, and the beauty of being yourself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

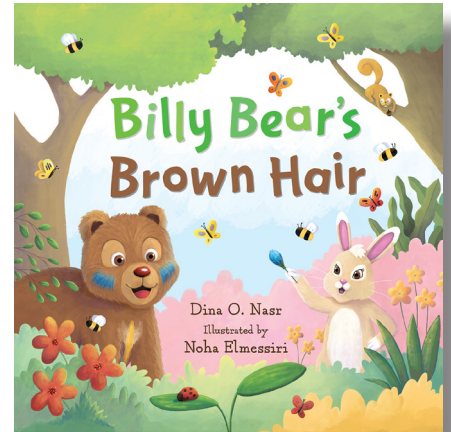
Dina O. Nasr is a children's book author, early years educator and founder of Edukidzz, with a PGCE from the University of Sunderland and over 14 years of experience in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. She has worked as a teacher, curriculum developer, nursery manager and trainer, empowering parents, teachers and caregivers to create nurturing environments where children thrive. Through her social media platform, she shares tips on early literacy, play-based learning and parenting strategies, aiming to inspire families and educators to foster creativity and development in young children. Her debut book, *Spark the Sparkly Dragon*, was inspired by her pregnancy with her daughter and the bedtime stories she shared with her two sons, teaching them values like trust, empathy and open communication. Now based in the UAE with her husband and three children, she continues to advocate for early childhood development, spreading the joy of learning and the power of storytelling. You can contact Dina on Instagram @edukidzz and TikTok @mrsdinao

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Noha Elmessiri grew up in the vibrant city of Cairo, Egypt, where her love for stories blossomed at an early age. She pursued her passion for art by studying painting and illustration at Helwan University, faculty of applied arts. Following her graduation, Noha embarked on a successful career as a freelance children's book illustrator, bringing captivating stories to life through her imaginative artwork. Beyond her artistic pursuits, Noha enjoys a variety of hobbies, including gardening, painting and practising karate. She currently resides in Egypt with her husband and their two beloved cats. You can explore Noha's artwork and connect with her on Facebook and Instagram at @nohaartwork.

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Billy Bear's Brown Hair is a fun way to introduce children to the importance of staying true to yourself. It also shows how friendship can enhance and develop confidence. Written by an early years educator, this book is fun with colourful illustrations whilst at the same time conveys an important message..



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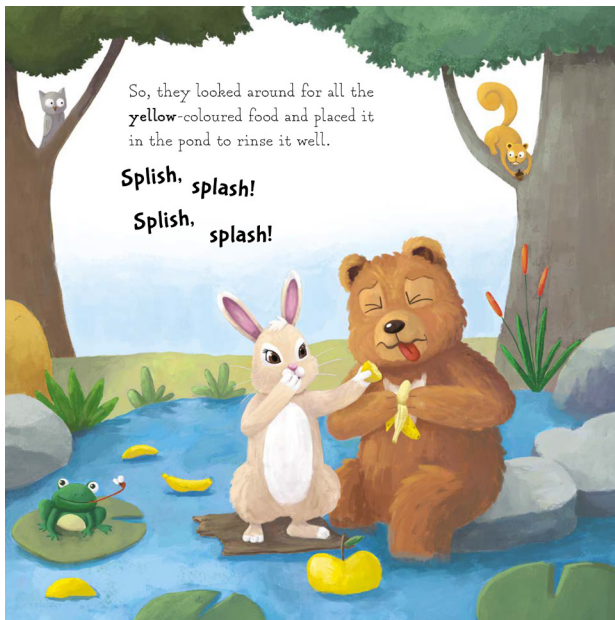
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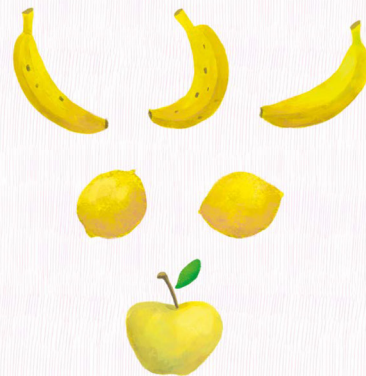
DISCUSSION TOPIC

Before, during and after reading the book

1. Introduce *Billy Bear's Brown Hair* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. Why is Billy Bear sad?
3. How does Funny Bunny try and cheer his friend up? What does she say to try and make Billy Bear feel happy? How would you cheer up your friend if they were sad?
4. Why does Funny Bunny suggest rinsing the food before eating it?
5. Can you think of any other food that is red? Green? Yellow? Make a list.
6. Does Billy Bear like it when Funny Bunny paints him with different colours? What does he realise?
7. After reading the book, ask them what did they think of the story? Which was their favourite part and why?



Billy Bear rinsed the **yellow**-coloured food and munched on:
THREE bananas, TWO lemons and ONE yellow apple.



Funny Bunny dipped the brush in a bucket of **red** paint and dabbed a spot of **red** on Billy Bear's nose.

Billy Bear giggled and dipped the brush in **blue** paint, giving Funny Bunny cool **blue** streaks on his toes.



Funny Bunny dipped the brush again and made **blue** smears of paint on Billy Bear's cheeks.

Billy Bear dipped the brush in **yellow** paint, painting a bright sunny stripe on Funny Bunny's tummy and then on his own tummy.



Both Funny Bunny and Billy Bear giggled as their tummies felt all tickly.

A-MAZE-ING BILLY BEAR

Can you help Funny Bunny meet up with Billy Bear?



Help Funny Bunny get to Billy Bear



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WORDSEARCH

Find all the words below in the *Billy Bear's Brown Hair* wordsearch

Name:

Class:

Date:

word search

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J O A U F A E E P U G
Y N N U B Y N N U F R
A S A F E I L E B I E
S D N E I R F L N T E
E R O O E D Y S M U N
B I L L Y B E A R A R
P A R O F R L N D E A
O H S R U O L O C B D
N A H W D W O B D E H
D H O Q Y N W D S T R

So, they looked around for all the yellow-coloured food and placed it in the pond to rinse it well.

Splish, splash!
Splish, splash!



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BELIEF
BILLYBEAR
BROWN
COLOURS
CONFIDENCE

FOOD
FRIENDS
FUNNYBUNNY
GREEN
HAIR
RED

RINSE
SAD
SPECIAL
YELLOW



Answer Sheet

word search

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 J O A U F A E E P U G
 Y N N U B Y N N U F R
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DRAWING ACTIVITY

Have a go at drawing a fun activity that you do with your friend.



A large, empty rectangular box with a double-line black border, intended for drawing a fun activity that you do with your friend.

DESIGN A FRIENDSHIP CARD

Design a card to give to a friend to show them how much you care about them. This could be after you've had a disagreement as a way of making up to them or just because you want them to know that you think they are a fabulous friend.



YOU ARE A FANTASTIC FRIEND

Please share your work with us
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