



The Everywhere Bear

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The Everywhere Bear is the beloved class mascot, passed around Class One each weekend to have a different experience. But, oh dear, what happens when he falls out of a school bag into a puddles then down a drain? This is the start of a big adventure. Will he ever see his friends again?

The plot may be familiar; the lost toy or hat that travels from hand to hand and on, until it finds its way home. However, here through the deft handling of Julia Donaldson whose rhyming text never falters, the story acquires a freshness that cannot but engage. This is no fantasy inhabited by a Gruffalo or a giant; this is the real world where toys do get lost - but could have amazing adventures. The illustrations by Rebecca Cobb perfectly capture the mood through her skilful pen and soft palette . Her bear has a satisfying bulk, her children are lively and diverse - a recognisable class. Here is a partnership that really works and once again has resulted in that treasure - a perfect read aloud, whether to the child at bedtime or to the whole class.

Where does Bear end up? Well in the Library, of course, the place where happy endings can be found.

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