



Our Best Picture Book 2023

Reading the shortlisted books at home



Small's Big Dream by Manjeet Mann

The Our Best Picture Book shortlisted books are for you and your child to read and enjoy together. We do not expect your child to be able to read this book alone. So, find a comfortable and quiet place to either read the book to your child or with them 😊

The main thing is that you have fun! You can discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next and use different voices for the characters! Use some of the prompts and questions below to make the most of having this exciting new book at home to share together!

Before you start reading the book together...

- Read the title and author
- Talk about the cover. E.g. What can you see?
- What do you think this book might be about?
- Read the blurb on the back of the book

During reading...

- Talk about any new words or interesting words
- Talk about the pictures
- How does the main character feel?
- What do you think might happen next?

After reading...

- What was the story about?
- What did X do/ask...?
- What happened after/at...?
- Why do you think...happened?
- What did you like/not like about this book?
- What have you learned from reading this book?

Some questions you can ask your child about this book...

- What big dreams do you have?
- How did you feel when people in the story told Small to stop dreaming?
- What lessons do we learn from this story?
- Do you know anyone who likes to daydream like Small?
- Which of Small's dreams was your favourite?

Praise your child...

- Great idea!
- Good question!
- I like how you...

Open the link or access the QR code below to watch and listen to the author reading this book:

<https://youtu.be/hqH39INjACA>

