



READING GUIDE FOR TEACHERS & LIBRARIANS

Stanley, No! Tails of a Brave Kitten

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Picture book · 40 pages · ISBN 9798218415952 · Themes: finding home, bravery, friendship

Stanley is a kitten with whiskers full of curiosity and paws made for exploring. The great outdoors is his playground — but adventures can be lonely, and the outdoors holds dangers a small kitten doesn't always see coming. What Stanley wants most isn't another adventure at all. It's someone to love him. Based on the true story of the real Stanley, this is a tale of bravery, friendship and finding the place — and the people — where you belong.

BEFORE YOU READ

Build curiosity before opening the book.

- Take a cover walk: What do you notice about the kitten? Where do you think he lives? What might he be looking for?
- Ask: Have you ever been somewhere new all by yourself? How did it feel?
- Introduce story words: whiskers, adventure, brave, forever home.

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion prompts for during and after reading.

- What does Stanley love about the outdoors? What is hard about living outside?
- What does Stanley want more than any adventure? How do you know?
- What dangers does Stanley face? What would you tell him to watch out for?
- Who helps Stanley? What do they do to show they care?
- What is a 'forever home'? What makes a house feel like home to you?
- Stanley is a real cat! How does knowing the story is true change the way you feel about it?

TRY THIS

Hands-on activities for classrooms and library story times.

- Map the adventure: Draw a story map of Stanley's journey, marking one exciting stop, one scary stop, and the place he finally belongs.
- Adoption counselor role-play: Write or say a 'forever family wanted' ad for Stanley. What kind of family would be perfect for him?
- My pet's adventure: Draw or write about an adventure your own pet (real or imagined) might have.
- Kindness to animals brainstorm: Make a class chart of ways people can help animals who don't have homes.
- Whisker math & art: Count, measure and draw whiskers — how long are a cat's whiskers compared to its body?

Every pet has a story. Every story has a heart.