



A SURPRISE AT THE PARK

- by Wendy Hartman, illustrated by Magriet Brink

“Pauline and Kagiso are excited to go on a class outing to the park. They enjoy playing on the swings. As they are on their way to see the ducks on the vleis, something unexpected happens...”

‘A Surprise at the Park’ is PDT’s first children’s book! It was written by Wendy Hartman and illustrated by Margriet Brink. It is available in two versions; isi Xhosa and English; and Sesotho and Zulu. Children aged 3 to 9 years will enjoy the story of two children’s adventure while on a school outing.

The book cleverly combines a captivating story while raising important issues – including challenging gender stereotypes, children’s confidence and agency in problem solving and decision making, the positive roles of fathers and teachers in children’s lives, as well as the importance of caring for others and animals.

The book comes with guidelines for parents and teachers to maximize the positive impact on the young reader/listener. The suggested guidelines will encourage children to identify with the main characters, stimulate their own problem solving abilities, encourage questions and discussion, and assist children in expressing their own feelings when faced with challenges.

Persona Doll Training published the book because we think it is important to help teachers and parents read and tell stories that are fun and meaningful to their children. Reading aloud is the most important way to build future reading and cognitive skills in children. The BIG BOOK can be used with a whole class of children in Early Childhood Development centers and primary schools. Order your copy from PDT.



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