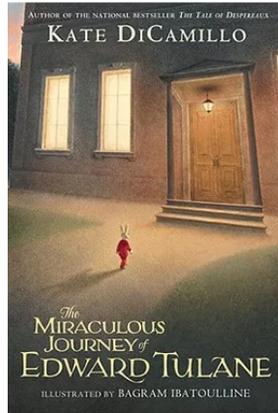


The Miraculous Journey of Edward Toulane

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Book Discussion and Activities



Discussion Questions:

1. What does the word miraculous mean? Why do you think the author chose this title?
2. What is your first impression of Edward? What do you think his personality is like at the beginning of the book?
3. Who is Abilene and what are your first thoughts about her?
4. Why does Pellegrina tell the story about the princess? Why do you think she talks to Edward the way that she does?
5. Abilene loses Edward. Have you ever lost something important to you? Did you ever find it again? How did the experiences make you feel?
6. Describe some of the characters that Edward meets on his journey. How do you think Edward felt about them? Which character did you like the best? The least?



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7. Throughout the book, Edward's name is changed. How do the names match his situation? What else changes about Edward as the story progresses?
8. What part of the story made you feel the strongest emotions-- angry, sad, happy?
9. How did the illustrations in the book add to your reading experience?
10. What does this story teach you about love or the idea of home?

Extension Activities:

1. Read the Velveteen Rabbit. What similarities and differences can you find between the two stories?
2. Draw a picture of Edward from two different points in the story. How has his appearance changed from one scenario to the next? Support your drawing with passages from the book.
3. The story breaks away from Abilene after she loses Edward. Imagine the next series of events in her life and write them out in a narrative.
4. Write a "want ad" as Edward Tulane. What traits would Edward look for in a new home or owner?
5. Describe the physical traits and imagined personality of a toy of your own.
6. Create a constellation with black paper, white crayons and star stickers.
7. Design a new outfit for Edward.
8. Create a CD with four song titles that are inspired by the book. Create a band name, title the CD, and design cover art.