



SALLY LLOYD-JONES

Book Guide



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READ TOGETHER

Hats Off to Mr. Pockles!

By Sally Lloyd-Jones, Illustrated by David Litchfield

Meet Mr. Pockles, a stylish little dog with a big hat collection—but he is so busy with his hats he doesn't have much time for friends. This story celebrates friendship and kindness and including others. As Mr. Pockles discovers, sharing can open up your world—and your heart.

If you loved reading this story, check out other books that celebrate the power of one to make a difference. Stories can inspire us and remind us that one person, no matter how small or lonely or shy, can make a big difference in the world.



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ACTIVITY

Make your own special hat

Learn how to make hats out of paper plates, a newspaper, or from other fun supplies. How about making an extra Very Special Hat you can give away, just like Mr. Pockles?

Name That Hat

Here's a game you could play: each person thinks of someone who wears a hat. A baseball player, or a pirate, or...your turn! How many can you come up with together? (Stuck? Look through Hats Off to Mr. Pockles for inspiration.)

Color

Download a free coloring page from Mr. Pockles.










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DISCUSS

Ask any of these questions to spark a conversation.

What did you think of Mr. Pockles? Did you enjoy his story? Put on your most creative Thinking Hat, and have a chat about the story. Here are a few questions that have absolutely no wrong answers!

-  Mr. Pockles liked to wear an Eating Cornflakes Hat and a Drinking Cup of Tea Hat. What other hats might someone wear around their house? Or in the garden? Or around town? Can you draw them? (Clue if you're stuck: how about a Brushing Your Teeth Hat or a Reading Books Hat?)
-  If you got to meet one character in this book and wear a silly hat with them, who would you choose?
-  What do you notice about David Litchfield's illustrations in the book? Do you have a favourite illustration? Why?
-  How many hats did the illustrator draw? How many can you spot? (Clue: look carefully—some are even illustrations inside illustrations or books inside books!)
-  How do you think it made Lady Coco-Fitz Tulip feel when Mr. Pockles gave her his Very Best Most Special hat to wear? How does it make you feel when someone shares with you?
-  A character arc is the gradual transformation of a character during a story. Did you see Mr. Pockles change in this story? How was he different at the end than he was at the beginning?
-  Mr. Pockles let his friends choose a hat. Which of his millions of hats would you choose? (Check out the end pages to see some of Mr. Pockles' collection—and also look throughout the book.)

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SHARE

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