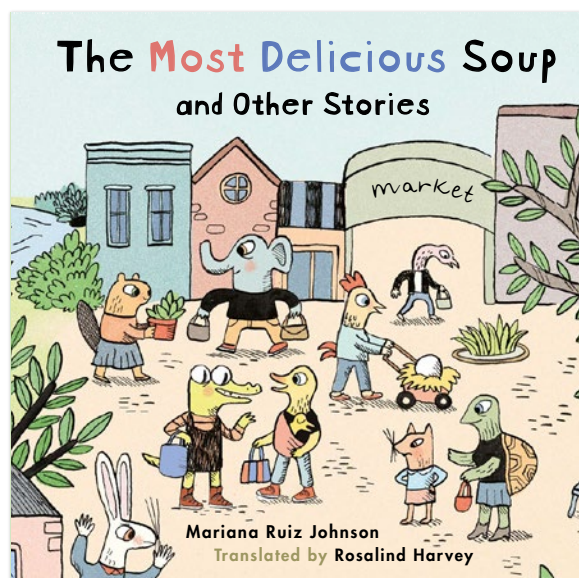


# Teachers' notes for The Most Delicious Soup and Other Stories



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## ABOUT THE BOOK

### SYNOPSIS

Richard Scarry fans will delight in these little adventures that capture early childhood experiences with a series of five interconnected stories that all take place in the same vibrant town. Join Coco as he falls madly in love with his new pet ladybug, Thunder; take a rainy day trip to the library with Grandma and Luis and visit the market with Gina who wants one of everything. Through the language of comics and the power of universal experiences, readers will share in the trials and tribulations of the Villa Verde community.

### THEMES

- Community
- Pets
- Food
- Friendship
- Emotions

### AUTHOR

Mariana Ruiz Johnson studied fine art and illustration and has published books all over the world. She lives in Buenos Aires with her husband and two children and has over 41K Instagram followers.

### TRANSLATOR

Rosalind Harvey's translations have been shortlisted for a number of awards, including the International Booker Prize. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, an Arts Foundation Fellow, a committee member of the Translators Association, and a founding member of the Emerging Translators Network.

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## FOR THE CLASSROOM

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Firm friends

- Coco adopts a pet and names it Thunder. Do you have a pet at home? What kind of animal is it? Tell the group about a time your pet did something naughty like when Thunder destroys the pillow or eats the cookies.
- Imagine you adopted a bug like Thunder. What would you call it? How would you take care of it? What would you do if the pet misbehaved?

#### Journeys on paper

- Why do you think this story is called 'Journeys on Paper'?
- Do you have grandparents or another family member or special adult who looks after you sometimes? What activities do you do with them?

#### 'That's enough, Gina!'

- At the end of the story, Gina feels differently about the shoes than she did earlier. Why do you think her feelings have changed?
- What could Gina have done differently when she first saw the blue shoes?

#### Scary camping

- Have you ever gone camping before? How was it similar or different to Paco, Tiana and Coco's experience?

#### The most delicious soup

- What does the word 'community' mean to you? Discuss how the residents of Villa Verde come together as a community in this story.
- Food can be a very special part of social gatherings. Discuss what kind of food might be served at different events such as birthday parties, weddings or holidays like Eid, Christmas, Diwali, Lunar New Year, etc.

### ACTIVITIES

- Write a recipe for the soup that Mrs Bear makes. Make sure to include a list of ingredients and the steps to make the soup.
- Imagine you are planning a camping trip, write a list of the items you would need to take with you. Think about where you will sleep, what you'll eat and activities you will do.
- Write and illustrate another story to add to this collection. It could be about any of the characters in the book or a new character that you create. You could be inspired by something that happened to you or write a completely made-up story.



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