

Ben Rides On

AUTHOR: Matt Davis

ILLUSTRATOR: Same

PUBLISHER: Roaring Book Press/ a division of Holtzbrinck publishing

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ART MEDIUM: pen and watercolor

GENRE: Humor, Realistic fiction

LIFE SKILLS: Problem solving, Perseverance

SYNOPSIS:

Ben loves his bike, but when it is stolen he must decide between revenge and help.

BOOKTALK:

Two boys: Ben plus one bully. Add one bicycle. This equals big trouble.

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Other books written by the author:

Ben Draws Trouble

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CHALLENGING WORDS (...due to pronunciation, spelling and/or defining):

Gleaming, possession, devastated, revolved, peculiar, investigation, whereupon, perilously, momentarily, extraordinary, significant

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you think Ben and Adrian can ever become friends? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think Adrian took Ben's bike?
3. Could you ride your bike to school? Would you like to?
4. Why does Ben smile when he thinks "how extraordinarily terrible"?

ACTIVITIES with CORE STANDARDS:

Language Arts:

- Write a sequel to *Ben Rides On*, describing Ben and Adrian's relationship now. Do they become friends? Does Ben thank Adrian for fixing his bike? Does Adrian stop being a bully?

3.W.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

Social Studies:

- Have children figure out where their house is in relationship to the school on a map.

Geography 1.3.3 Identify and describe the relative locations* of places in the school setting.

Geography 1.3.4 Identify and describe physical features * and human features* of the local community including home, school and neighborhood.

RELATED INTERNET SITES:

<http://mattdaviescartoon.com/> This website showcases the author's work, both for adult and children.

ACTIVITY SHEET CREATED BY:

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