

Book Review

The Lion Inside: Rachel Bright and Jim Field

This really is a lovely, feel-good story that children can connect with. It has a clear and simple message about being brave and finding your voice, which makes it easy for young readers to understand and relate to.

What works well is the contrast between the tiny mouse and the big, powerful lion. It helps children explore feelings like fear, confidence, and kindness in a way that's easy to grasp. You can see how it encourages them to think about how they might feel in similar situations.

The rhyming text is another big plus. It keeps children engaged and makes the story fun to listen to, while also helping with their language development. It has a nice rhythm that makes it enjoyable to read aloud.

The children were completely drawn into the story. At one point, when the mouse was climbing up the rock, one pupil even covered her eyes, which really showed how involved and emotionally invested they were.

Moments like that highlight how powerful the storytelling is.

The book also created lots of opportunities for discussion. The children enjoyed predicting what might happen next and talking about how the characters were feeling, which made the experience even more interactive.

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss