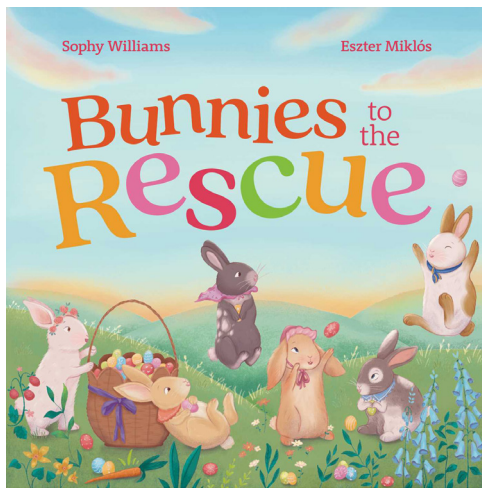




Teacher Notes

Bunnies to the Rescue

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About the Book

When the Easter Bunny is struck by illness, it's up to his little bunnies to save the day!

But even the best of intentions can't stop these cheeky bunnies from having a little bit of Easter fun...

A sweet and spirited story about family, teamwork and seasonal cheer.

Themes

- Easter
- Problem solving
- Celebrations
- Helping each other
- Teamwork

About the Author

Sophy Williams is an award-winning illustrator with twenty-five years experience illustrating children's books. While still studying, she twice won prizes in the Readers Digest Young Illustrator's competition

and was runner up for the Mother Goose Award for her first picture book. She spent some of her childhood in exotic locations such as Singapore, Hong Kong and the Middle East and often finds her illustrations being influenced by these places. Her pictures are filled with atmosphere and drama created with soft pastels. She now lives by the Kennet and Avon canal in Bradford on Avon with her husband, author/illustrator MP Robertson, their two lanky teenage sons and a mischievous grey cat called Hamish. When not illustrating she sings and performs in a choir, grows fruit and veg on her allotment and drinks lots coffee with her friends.

About the Illustrator

Eszter Miklós is a Hungarian illustrator based in Transylvania, Romania. She is a self-taught digital illustrator, mainly working in Procreate. Eszter has had a passion for drawing since she was a kid. Being surrounded by the magical folktales and Transylvanian culture continues to influence her work. Eszter has a bachelor's degree in Hungarian and English Literature from the Faculty of Letters, University Babeş-Bolyai. Her passion for literature has profoundly shaped her artistic journey, helping her to illustrate fictional characters and bring stories to life.

Before Reading

- Explore the cover of the book. What season do you think this story is about? Why?
- Read the blurb aloud. Make some predictions about who or what the bunnies might have to rescue.
- Have you ever had to help someone solve a problem? What did you do to help them?

Comprehension and Discussion questions:

- Why can't the Easter Bunny deliver the eggs?
- How would the kids in the village feel if the Easter Bunny didn't deliver the eggs?
- The bunnies think that delivering the eggs will be easy. Is it? Why/why not?
- When their first plan fails, what do they do instead?
- List some of the places where the bunnies hide the eggs. Which is your favourite?
- What do the bunnies do when the children start to wake up?
- What does the Easter Bunny say when the bunnies arrive home?
- How do you think the bunnies feel at the end of the book? What makes you say this?

Literacy

RHYTHM

The author of the book uses rhyming couplets to help create rhythm. They also use lines that contain (mostly) the same number of syllables.

Consider the following example:

The bunny sighed loudly and clutched at his brow.

My job, it needs doing. But goodness me, how?'

- How many syllables are in each line? (clap them out if you need help). How does your reading of the book change if you clap on every first syllable, or every second?
- Underline the words in each line that rhyme with each other – what do you notice about where they fall in the line?
- Why do you think rhythm is important in a story? What other stories or songs can you think of that use a similar rhyme and/or rhythm?

CELEBRATIONS

We often share stories around big celebrations such as Easter or Christmas. What are some of the significant events that you and your family celebrate? What stories do you share at this time? What characters appear in them?

THEME: HELPING EACH OTHER

In the book, the young bunnies come together to help the Easter Bunny when he's too sick to deliver the eggs throughout the village. They want to help, but things don't go exactly as planned.

- What do you learn from the story about helping other people?

- Is it important for everything to go perfectly when you're helping someone?
- What is important when you're helping someone?
- What are some of the qualities that the bunnies find are useful in helping someone to solve a problem?

Final reflections

- Is this book just about Easter? Which parts of the story could you use any time of year?
- Who would you recommend this book to? Why would they enjoy it?
- What other Easter books have you read? What similarities can you find?

Creative Activities

- Draw a picture of your house or backyard. Hide ten easter eggs somewhere in your picture and give it to one of your classmates to see if they can find them all.
- Imagine that this story took place at Christmas instead of easter. What would you change? Recreate one of the pages from the book as a Christmas story.
- Make a poster that describes a celebration important to you and your family. Include images and text to show when the celebration takes place. You might also include:
 - o Food
 - o Stories
 - o Characters
 - o Traditions
 - o Songs/rhymes
 - o Gifts
- What would you have done to help the Easter Bunny if you had to deliver all of the eggs? Draw a picture of your plan to help the Easter Bunny to deliver the eggs before all the children wake-up.