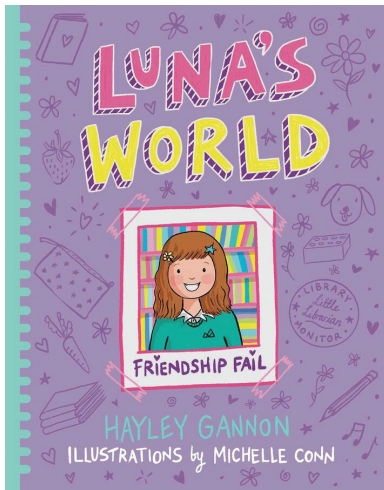




Teacher Notes

Luna's World #2 Friendship Fail

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Themes

- Friendship
- Similarities and differences
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Supporting others

About the Book

Hi, I'm Luna! This diary you're reading? My mum's idea. She said it will help me to focus. You see, my mind is always racing with a million thoughts! I have so much I want to say and do! So, I'm going to use this diary to show you EVERYTHING that's going on in my world...

Luna Merrian has BIG news! Not only is she loving her role as a Little Librarian, but she is also getting along with her school rival, Jade Jones.

Luna and Jade are becoming friends, and Luna couldn't be happier!

But then Luna sees a birthday party invite that changes everything...

Can Luna overcome this friendship fail?

About the Author and Illustrator

Hayley Gannon is a teacher librarian working in Canberra. She adores children's literature and is an advocate for getting quality books into kids' hands. She loves writing about real family and school life so readers can see themselves in books. The *Luna's World* series are Hayley's first published books.

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Before Reading

- Read and/or recap the events of book one in the series. Who are the main characters? What do you know about them?
- What do you think 'friendship fail' suggests about what happens in the story?
- Have you ever had a 'friendship fail'? How did you overcome it?

Comprehension questions

- What are some of the big things that have happened since Luna's last diary entry?
- How are Luna and Cody similar? How are they different?

Comprehension questions cont.

- What jobs does Luna have to do in her role as library monitor? Which one is her favourite and why?
- What's your first impression of Jett?
- What happens to the computer when Luna tries to scan Cody's book? How does this make her feel? What solution does she come up with?
- Why isn't Jade able to write down the barcodes of the books? How do you think she feels about sharing this information with Luna? Luna takes her confession as a 'sure sign of friendship'. Do you agree?
- How does knowing that Jade has dyslexia help Luna to rethink some of her previous assumptions?
- What three things does Luna learn about Jade once they become friends?
- Make a list of 'library vocabulary' that you learn from the book.
- What does Luna notice about some of the kids who are in the library as she's putting the books away? What idea does this give her?
- What does Jade do that upsets Luna?
- How does not being invited to Jade's party change Luna's outlook and behaviour? How does Luna's mum describe this kind of mood?
- Why does Luna think she hasn't been invited to Jade's party? What's the real reason? How does Luna feel when she discovers this reason?
- Ms Sunny tells Luna that there are 'different types of friends' (p113). Do you agree? What types of friends are there? Have you ever been disappointed to learn that someone you thought was a certain type of friend doesn't feel the same way as you?

Literacy

Dear Diary

- Diaries are a form of **epistolary** writing. Look up and write out the definition of 'epistolary'. What other formats are examples of this kind of writing?

Literacy cont.

- One of the features of this kind of writing is that it is written for a reader (unlike a standard fiction book, say, where the reader is an invisible observer to the action). Here, the narrator (Luna) talks directly to the reader (you). What effect does this have on your response?
- What kinds of stories would work well using diary entries? What stories wouldn't work well in this format? Why wouldn't they?

Theme: Strengths and weaknesses

- One of the things that Luna learns in the story is that not everyone is good or bad at the same things. She starts to understand that 'fair' doesn't always apply, when not everyone is at the same starting point. For example, when Jade pushes in to use the barcode scanner at the library every lunch, it's because she struggles to read the titles of books quickly in order to shelve them.
- Using the table below, make a list of the strengths and weaknesses of some of the characters in the book.

Character	Strengths	Weaknesses
Jade		
Luna		
Cody		

- How do the characters use their strengths to help each other?
- Reflect on a time that you and a friend have worked together and used each of your strengths in order to get something done.

Final reflections

- What do you think Luna has learnt in this book?
- Book three in the series is called 'Luna's Word: Camp Chaos'. What do you think might happen in this book?
- If you had to say this book was about one thing, what would it be?

Creative activities

- In *Luna's World: Friendship Fail*, Luna gets a job! What does she have to do, and how much does she earn? Think of an after-school (or weekend) job that you could do. What skills do you have that might be of use? How much would you charge? Design a business card for your services.
- Luna makes a list of 'five weird things kids have used instead of a bookmark'. What weird things have you used as a bookmark? Design a bookmark that looks like something weird.
- Miss Sunny helps Luna by getting her to focus on five things she can see, four things she can touch, three things she can hear, two things she can smell and one thing she can taste. Try it. Before you start, write a sentence describing how you're feeling. Now make a list: five things you can see, four things you can touch, three things you can hear, two things you can smell and one thing you can taste. Write a sentence describing how you feel after. Is there a change? Do you think this technique would help you to focus if you were upset? If not, what are some of the things that help? What are some of the other things that help Luna work through challenging emotions? Would any of these work for you?
- Luna's idea for 'Bookworm Buddies' is inspired by the kids in the library who seem to be alone every day, as well as her own realisation that making friends is hard work. Come up with your own idea to combat loneliness at your school. Make a plan for it and share it with your class. Vote on some ideas to test out for a week and see if you can make any positive changes in your school.