



Dimples Delight

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About the Book

Lawrence hates being teased about his dimples. He wishes they'd just disappear, but he knows he's stuck with them. What can he do about his dimples and how can he make Joe Morse stop teasing him?

About the Author

Frieda Wishinsky is the author of over forty trade and educational books. Her books have earned critical acclaim in magazines and newspapers around the world and have been translated into many languages, including French, Dutch, Danish, Spanish, Korean and Catalan. *Each One Special* was nominated for a 1999 Governor General's Award for text, and *Jennifer Jones Won't Leave Me Alone* won the 2004/5 UK Stockport, Portsmouth and Sheffield Children's Picture Book Awards. *Please, Louise!* (Groundwood Books) is nominated for the 2008 TD Literature Award and is the winner of the 2008 Marilyn Baille Picture Book Award.

About the Writing

Frieda's husband has dimples. As a kid, he winced when people pinched his cheeks called him "cute." That started her thinking. Being cute is not always easy.

Teaching Ideas—Curriculum Connections***Prereading Ideas***

- How much does appearance matter in how we think of another person?
- If you look different in some way, what can you do about it? How could you handle it?
- What's special about having a best friend?

Classroom Discussion Questions

1. If you are being teased what can you do?
2. Why does making a joke about something that makes you uncomfortable sometimes help?
3. Why do you think people make fun of other people?

Suggested Activities

- With three classmates, act out the scene where Lawrence and Stewart refuse to let Joe and his friend Andrew bother them. Show how Lawrence uses humor to make it easier to deal with Joe's teasing.
- Stewart knows lots of dinosaur jokes. Write down three of your favorite jokes or riddles about animals. If you don't know any, look them up in a joke or riddle book.
- Lawrence mentions a movie he once saw about an innocent guy accused of a crime. What's your favorite movie? Write down three reasons why you like it. Share your favorite movie with your class. Is there anyone else who likes the same movie? If so, do they like it for the same reason or for a different reason?

Other Titles and Websites of Interest

A Bee in Your Ear by Frieda Wishinsky (Orca Echoes)

A Frog in My Throat by Frieda Wishinsky (Orca Echoes)

Just Call Me Joe by Frieda Wishinsky (Orca Young Readers)

A Noodle Up Your Nose by Frieda Wishinsky (Orca Echoes)

Find out why bullies act the way they do and how to stop them from picking on you at the Dealing With Bullies website.

www.kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/emotion/bullies.html

Other Books by the Author from Orca Book Publishers

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Awards and Reviews

Resource Links Best of 2006

“A fast-paced, easy-to-read novel...Wishinsky offers a number of non-violent ways of dealing with classroom bullies and Lawrence eventually finds his own solution.”

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