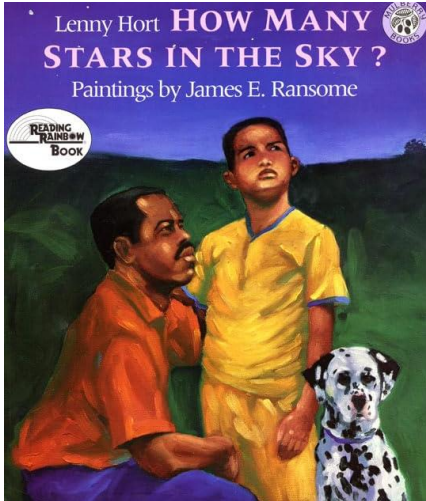


Discussion Guide for Families



How Many Stars in the Sky?

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Themes: Curiosity, Nature, Exploration, Wonder

Book Brief: A story about a boy and his father who embark on a nighttime adventure to try and count the stars.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by discussing personal experiences or knowledge about the night sky and stars. Consider questions such as, "Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered about the stars? What did you think or feel?" Sharing your own observations or feelings about watching the stars can help set the stage.

While Reading: Make Connections

- As you read the story, explore the emotions and experiences of the characters. Ask "Why do you think the boy wants to find out how many stars are in the sky?" or "How do you think the father feels about taking his son on this adventure at night?" These questions help your child to think about and connect with the characters' feelings and motivations.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- If you could go on a late-night adventure to see the stars, who would you take with you? And where would you go?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encouraging your child to keep a journal where they can draw or write about the night sky. They can note the different phases of the moon, sketch constellations, or write about their feelings and thoughts while looking at the stars.
- Planning a stargazing adventure.