

Peyton Picks the Perfect Pie

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Diversity, Family, Overcoming Fears, Thanksgiving

Book Brief: Peyton is particular about food, preferring her dishes to remain separate and avoiding certain colors and textures, but she enjoys a variety of activities and trying new things. Unlike being picky, which is seen as negative, Peyton embraces her interests, such as mastering long division and playing the saxophone.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Peyton.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Do you have something you want to try but you are too afraid or scared? What is it?" (Optional: think, pair, share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, pay attention to how Peyton overcomes her fears."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Describe Peyton. What characteristics would you use?
- What is Peyton's problem?
- How do you think Peyton feels? Why do you think that?
- What is different about this Thanksgiving?
- How does Aunt Polly help solve Peyton's problem?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Aunt Polly helps Peyton learn a lesson. What did she teach Peyton?

Extending Our Thinking: Peyton is particular and wants this Thanksgiving to be different. Use RIF's [What's Your Problem](#), have students fill out the organizer to deepen their understanding of Peyton's problem and how it was solved.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.