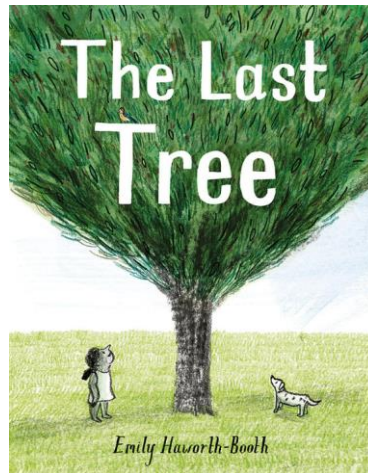


The Last Tree



ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND

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Click [here](#) to access a reading of The Last Tree by Emily Haworth-Booth

Book Summary (from lovreading4kids)

Once upon a time a group of friends were seeking a place to call home. The desert was too hot, the valley was too wet and the mountain was too windy. Then they found the forest. It was perfect. The leaves gave shelter from the sun and rain, and a gentle breeze wound through the branches. But the friends soon wanted to build shelters. The shelters became houses, then the houses got bigger.

All too soon they wanted to control the environment and built a huge wooden wall around the community. As they cut down the trees, the forest becomes thinner, until there is just one last tree standing. It is down to the children to find a solution.

Discussion Prompts

- '...and the last tree became the first.' What does Emily Haworth-Booth mean by this?
- When the children come in from playing around the Last Tree they talk about 'how it made them feel'. What does that mean - what happens to the children when they went outside? Why are they getting on better by the tree than when they are behind the barrier?
- Have you ever noticed how being in nature can change the way you feel?

Putting words into action

- Have you ever planted a tree? An acorn or conker or other tree seeds. OR perhaps young trees - saplings?
- Could you arrange for a 'quiet space' to exist in your school grounds where children and teachers can spend time in a natural environment?