

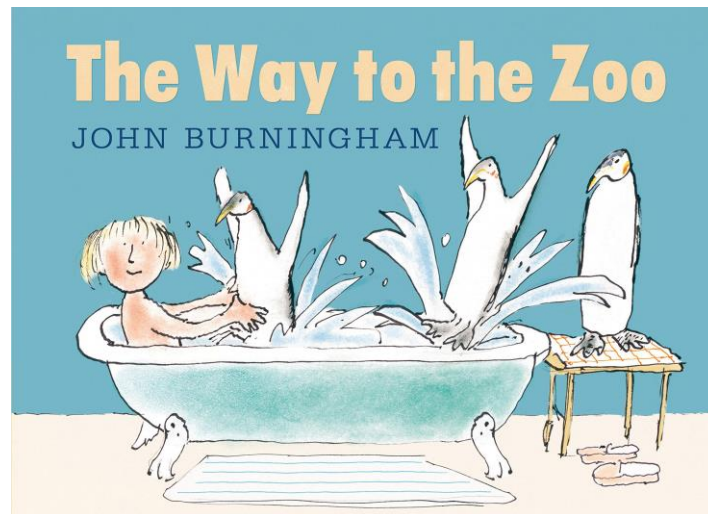
Story Time: Years 1 and 2



ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND

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The Way to the Zoo by John Burningham



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Book Summary from BookTrust

Sylvie is in bed one night when she notices a door in the wall of her bedroom that she's never seen before. When she opens it, she finds another door, and through that door, finds herself in the zoo! Even more unexpectedly, the animals want to come back to Sylvie's room with her – she can only bring the smaller ones through the door, of course. However, the penguins make a mess in the bathroom, the monkey steals fruit from the fruit bowl and some of the animals are just too smelly to have in her room. But one day, Sylvie forgets to close the door in the bedroom wall...

John Burningham's sensitive treatment of children's kindness and imagination is perfectly captured in this lovely picture book.

Discussion Prompts

- 1) Why didn't Sylvie want the baby rhino to sleep in her bed?
- 2) What animal would you bring back from the zoo for a sleepover? Why?
- 3) What animal would you NOT bring back for a sleepover? Why?
- 4) If you could have a secret passage leading from your bedroom to somewhere other than a zoo... where would it lead to?