

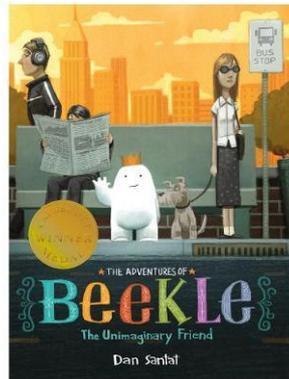
Story Time: Years 3&4



ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND

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The Adventures of Beekle by Dan Santat



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Book Summary from BookTrust

On a faraway island, imaginary friends are created. They eagerly wait for children to call them into being. For one, this never happens. Unable to wait, he does the unimaginable: undertaking a terrifying journey to the real world - a strange place where children never eat cake and no-one has time for music - to find his child.

After a frightening, bewildering day, he's still alone. Then a voice says 'hello'. It's Alice. Something about her feels totally right. She names him Beekle and shares her snacks, crayons and jokes with him. Together, they do unimaginably marvellous things.

Seeing the world from the imaginary friend's viewpoint, rather than the child's, sheds fresh light on this familiar yet magical friendship. The stylish, striking, images emphasise its vibrancy against everyday drabness.

Discussion Prompts

- 1) Have you got an imaginary friend? Or did you have one when you were younger?
- 2) Why do children have imaginary friends, but why don't adults?
- 3) How do you make friends? I'm sure you've got lots of lovely friends. But how do you make or become a friend?
- 4) When does someone stop being someone you know and become someone who is a friend?
- 5) What does it mean to be 'a friend' of someone?
- 6) Is this a story within a story?