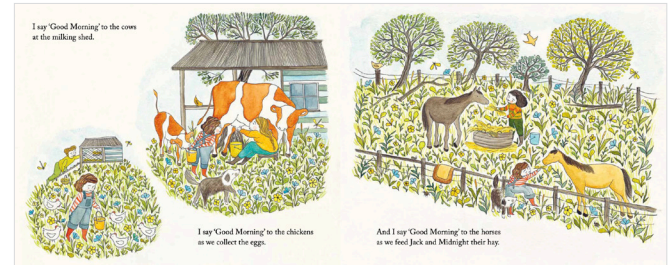
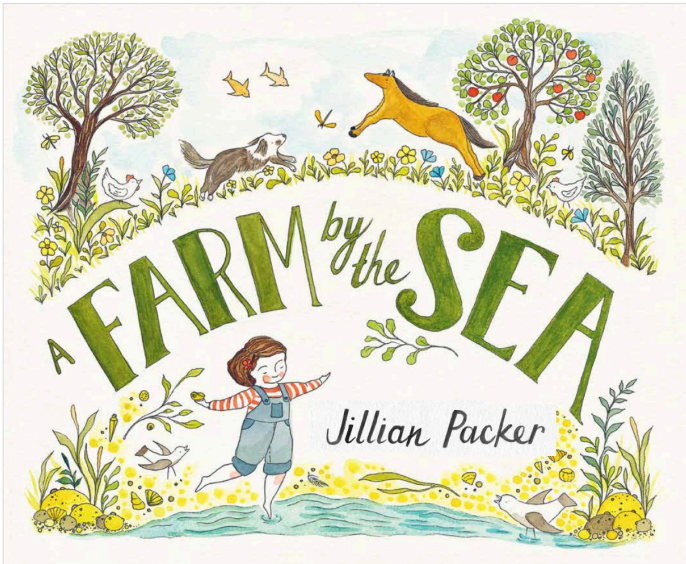


Teachers' notes for **A Farm by the Sea**



ABOUT THE BOOK

SYNOPSIS

Imagine living on a farm by the water. After you finish your chores with your family, it's time to play on the beach, where the rockpools are meant for sipping on sea grass tea and dancing to the music of the waves.

Jillian Packer's debut picture book shows us how a child's day spent first with family and then in nature makes her childhood rich with confidence, freedom, imagination and love.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

Jillian Packer was a kindergarten teacher for many years and has taught both in Australia and in a variety of international schools. She has also worked with hearing impaired children who communicate using Auslan. She always found that using her artwork in her teaching helped her

enrich the learning experience of children from diverse language backgrounds. Jillian's debut picture book *A Farm by the Sea*, is inspired by her own childhood growing up in Port Lincoln. After living in a number of countries with her family, she has now returned to Australia and, once again, calls Port Lincoln home.

THEMES

- Farm life
- Family
- Responsibilities
- Imaginative play

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FOR THE CLASSROOM

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The little girl in the story has a lot of chores. Why do you think that is? How do her chores compare to the chores you do at home?
- Where does our little girl go when she doesn't want anyone to find her? What's special about the place she chooses?
- Our little girl talks to all of the animals she meets and even the sea. Why do you think she does this? What does it show us about her?
- What role does Maggie the dog play in the story? Is she an important character? Why or why not?
- On the spread where our little girl is dancing, there's no text. Why do you think the creator and her publisher chose to leave this spread wordless?
- Our little girl has quite a large family. What do the pictures and words tell you about her relationship with her family?
- Look at the toys and decorations in our little girl's room. What do they tell us about her interests?
- What emotions does this story convey? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

ACTIVITIES

- Imagine that you live on a farm by the sea. Draw pictures of 5 jobs you might like to do on the farm.
- The little girl in the story has a lot of fun doing her chores. Make a list of at least three things she does to make her chores more fun.
- Our little girl has quite an imagination! Write a story about the friends she meets in the rockpool.
- Pretend you're the main character in this story and write a letter to your friend about how you spent the day.
- On the endpapers of the book, our author/illustrator has chosen to show some things from the farm and some things from the sea. Draw your own endpapers for the book? Be prepared to discuss what you've chosen to show.

