

Please Handle With Care

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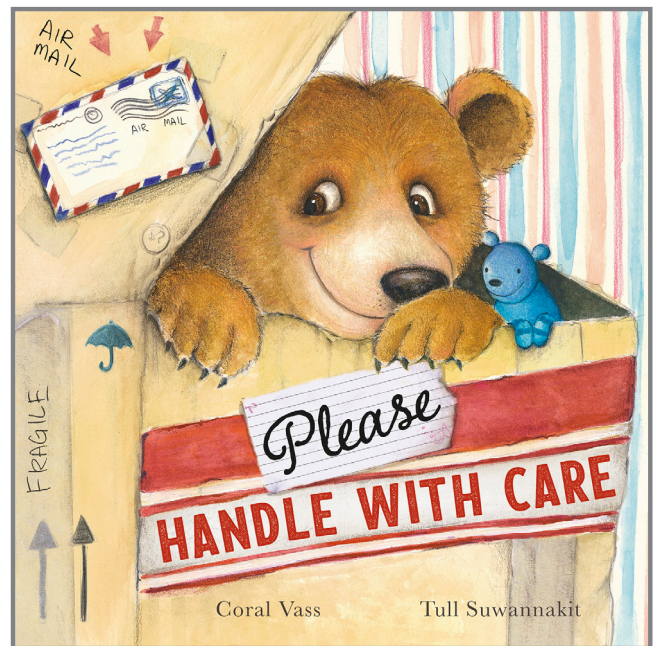
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SYNOPSIS

Bear is having a bad day. Nothing is going right, and he wishes he was somewhere else...a long way from home. What will it take for Bear to feel better?

An uplifting tale about a bear discovering what truly matters at the end of the day.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Coral Vass is an award-winning Australian children's author. With a background in media, Coral has always delighted in telling stories and has been writing books for more than ten years. Her titles include the bestselling *Goodnight Possum* and the 2019 CBCA Book of the Year Eve Pownall winner, *Sorry Day* (illustrated by Dub Leffler).

She loves visiting schools, often running writing workshops and inspiring young people with a love for literature. Coral is an ambassador for Reading Out of Poverty and is passionate about giving all children an equal opportunity to read.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Tull Suwannakit is an Australian book illustrator and author for children with a background in animation and fine art. After receiving a BA degree from The Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, USA, he began his artistic career as a set designer and character sculptor for animation studios in New York City. He then migrated to Australia, where he got a distinction on the Master of Fine Art program at The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

His books have been published in Australia, the US, the UK and Thailand, as well as being translated into numerous languages throughout the world. Working predominantly with watercolour, graphite and coloured pencils, Tull's books have been featured in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, ABC Mornings Radio, *Play School* on ABC4Kids and the *New York Times*.

When Tull is not writing and illustrating his books, he runs art classes and workshops for children and adults at his art school in Melbourne..

STUDY NOTES

- Before reading *Please Handle with Care* ask what they think the book might be about.
- Discuss the sentence: 'It was one of those days when nothing went right.' Ask the class for their own examples.
- As a class, discuss what they do when they feel upset. Do they go to their room? Do they know how to make

themselves feel better?

- The bear in the story wishes he was far from home...in Antarctica. Have the children ever wished they were somewhere else? Where? What would happen in this imaginary place?
- What happens when Bear climbs inside a box?
- What's on the list that Bear writes? What is he trying to say?
- What happens at the end of the story? Do Bear's feeling change? How?
- Can you think of another title for the story?
- After reading the book, discuss what you thought of the story. Which was their favourite part and why?
- Pretend you are Bear. Send a postcard to your family from Antarctica. What will you tell them about?
- The bear in the story dreams of having an adventure in Antarctica. Where would you like to have an adventure? The rainforest? The desert? The Moon? Or a made-up place? Draw a picture of this place.
- How well do you remember what happened in the story? Try to retell the story in your own words without looking at the book. You can write it down or tell the story out loud.