CHARLIE'S ADVENTURES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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STORY SUMMARY

Charlie is off on the second of his adventures with his family... to South Africa! With his friends, Charlie is set on a discovery of different clues to uncover South Africa's rainbow nation.

Join Charlie and his family on their adventures across the world. Stickers and postcard included.

AUTHOR BACKGROUND

Jacqueline is an Australian author who adores exploring all the world has to offer! She is the recipient of the ACT Writers Centre 2017 Anne Edgeworth Fellowship. Her debut picture book, *Charlie's Adventures... in Hawaii,* was shortlisted for the 2017 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards and chosen as a finalist in the American Best Book Awards.

At the heart of Jacqueline's books are an appreciation of travel and the uniqueness of culture. She endeavours to encourage her readers to learn more about the world, supporting an empathetic and inclusive community.

Jacqueline regularly contributes to a variety of online platforms including Creative KidsTales (an industry recognised resource for children's authors and illustrators), IT'S THE NOW (a useful and informative platform to inspire and educate those on their entrepreneurial quest) and Just Write for Kids (a supportive community for children's authors and illustrators). She has appeared at various literary events, including the Canberra Writers Festival, the Goulburn Reader Writer Festival, NSW Kids & YA Festival and the Noted Writers Festival. She has developed a rapport with the industry both within Australia and internationally, particularly through her memberships and associations.

Jacqueline currently works in international affairs and holds a Master of International Development.

ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND

Sophie's artistic talents were soon discovered by New Frontier Publishing, as a work experience student there. She has written and illustrated her own book, *Lisa Absolutely Loves Art*, and her illustrated work for *Yellow Dress Day* put her on the shortlist for the 2013 CBCA Crichton Award. Her other illustrated works include *Matilda Saves Santa Claus, Emilia Mouse, Elephant Kitten*, *Where Do Teachers Go at Night?* and *Charlie's Adventures* series. Sophie enjoys playing across styles and mediums of illustration.

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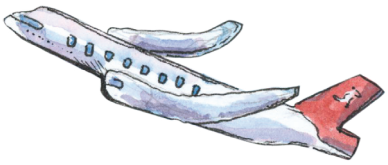

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before reading the book

1. Look at the front cover:
   - What can the students see?
   - What do they think will happen in the story?
2. Ask the students what an 'adventure' is and if any of them have been on one.
3. Ask the students what they know about South Africa.
4. Pull out the postcard found in the back of the book:
   - What can the students see?
   - Have they sent a postcard before?

While reading the book

When turning each page, allow enough time for the students to share their ideas on what the clues may be.

ACTIVITIES

'My Adventure' postcard

Ask each student to design a postcard with images from a trip they have been on with their families (nationally or internationally).

- Ask them to write a short message to one of their friends on the back of their postcard about the trip.
- Encourage them to include some adventures or learning that occurred along the way.

Treasure Map

1. Divide the class up and ask each group to design their own treasure map and write down clues that would lead to the treasure.
2. Swap the clues and treasure maps around the groups and have each group go in search of the treasure.

The Gumboot Dance

1. Ask students to bring in their gumboots. Using string and bells invite students to decorate their gumboots.
2. Ask students to work together to choreograph a gumboot dance to perform, tapping and stomping their feet.
3. Ask students to research the gumboot dance:
   - When did it start?
   - How was it used to tell stories and communicate?

Rainbow

Make a rainbow using each student's hand print.

1. Using coloured paper, ask each student to choose a colour they want their hand print to be.
2. Ask each student to trace their hand and cut their hand print out.
3. Ask each student to stick their hand print on a large piece of paper to create a rainbow.
   - Discuss the difference in the shape and size of all the hand prints.
   - Use the opportunity to explore the concept of diversity, reinforcing that it is our differences that create a beautiful rainbow.

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The Big Five

Divide the students into five groups.

1. Ask each group to research one animal from the big five and report back to the class.
2. Ask students to draw their favourite big five animal.

FOR OLDER STUDENTS

South Africa Research Project

Ask each student to research South Africa and the great South African leader Nelson Mandela.

- Ask each student to make a poster of what they have discovered and share their findings with the class.
- Fun facts on South Africa can be found on the de Rose-Ahern Stories website: http://www.derose-ahernstories.com/childrens-stories/charlies-adventures/charlies-map/