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### Discussing — Friendship

Children yearn for friends and a sense of belonging, and the story about Arfy introduces this subject with all the complexities and heartaches that are sometimes associated with it. Yet Arfy has inner strength, and he chooses his own fate: his story allows us to hold a sensitive discussion about friendship, and the roads leading to it. You could, perhaps, ask your child what, in their opinion, is the reason for Arfy's letters to different people. Would you have wanted to be Arfy's frieds? Why? What would you have done in Arfy's place?



## **Story-telling illustrations**

Many pages in this book contain text-less illustrations demonstrating Arfy's feelings. What do these illustrations tell us? Which of them make you smile, and why? What is Arfy feeling? What is he thinking?

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## **Letter writing**

You may be inspired by the letters in this book to write notes to one another. You could hide letters with encouraging or amusing messages under your pillow, in your bag, or anywhere else, and enjoy surprising your family members with them.

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# Treating animals well

Each of us can open our eyes and hearts to the animals around us – providing them with water on a hot day, setting up shelters, or anything else that would contribute to their wellbeing, and have a positive impact on the world in which we all live.

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