

A Reading Guide for **Bed Hogs** By Kelly DiPucchio

*“I’m squished!
I’m squashed!
I’m buried in this heap!
You’re hoggin’ up my space in bed.
I’ll never get to sleep!”*

This irresistible read-aloud is sure to be a hit with little bed hogs at home and in the classroom.

Pre-reading

1. Just by reading the title and looking at the cover, what do you think the story is about?
2. What time of day do you think the story takes place?
3. Do you think this book is fiction or nonfiction?

Knowledge

1. Where do the Bed Hogs live?
2. Who would you say is the main character in the story?
3. What is the main problem in the story?

Comprehension

1. How many hogs are in the family?
2. Can you name all of the hogs?

Application

1. Look up the definition of the word “runt.” Why did the author choose this for a name? Why do you think the author chose the names Rose and Flo for the sisters?
2. What do you think the sentence “Brother Ed is quite a ham” means? Why do you think the author chose this particular expression to describe Ed’s personality?
3. Is Sooeey, South Dakota a real or an imaginary city? Why do you think the author picked that name?

Analyze

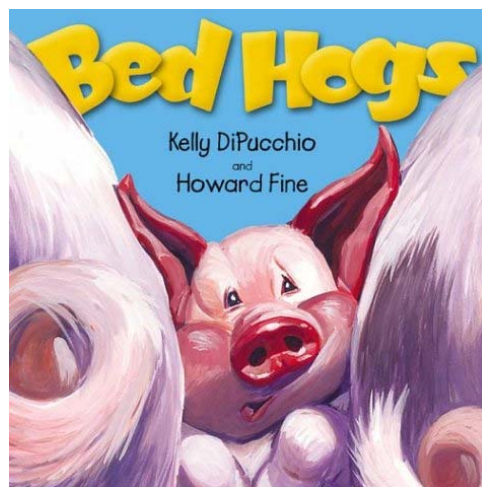
1. Besides pushing his family members out of bed, what are some other ways that Little Runt could have solved his problem?
2. Mama Hog dances in her sleep. What do you think the author meant when she wrote that Mama “two-stepped off the bed”?
3. The author wrote that Papa Hog’s snore “rumbles like a truck.” What are some other ways the author could have used to describe his snore?

Synthesize

1. What would you have done differently if you were Little Runt? Is there anything you would have done the same?
2. Towards the end of the story, Little Runt is afraid to be alone in the bed. Do you sometimes get afraid at night? What do you do to overcome your fears?

Evaluation

1. Decide what happens after the story? Do you think Little Runt will behave this way again? Why or why not?
2. Predict what might happen if Little Runt’s grandparents came to stay for a visit.



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