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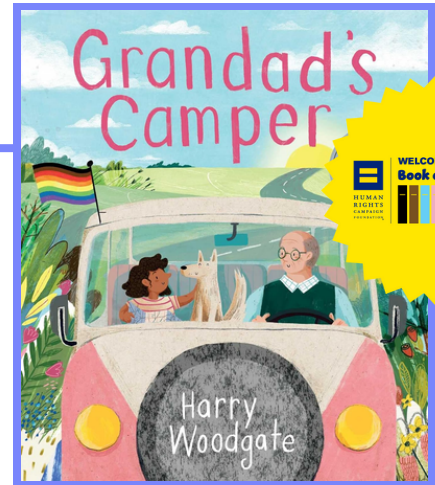
Grandad's Camper

By: Harry Woodgate

Elementary Discussion Guide

About the Story

Each summer, a young girl visits her grandad's seaside cottage, where she loves hearing stories about the adventures he once shared with Gramps. Since Gramps passed away, Grandad has stopped traveling, but together they find a way to bring back the joy of exploring. By fixing up the old camper van, the granddaughter helps Grandad rediscover adventure, beginning with a special trip to the beach with snacks and hot chocolate—just like the ones he once shared with Gramps.



About the Author

Harry Woodgate (they/them) is an award-winning author and illustrator who was inspired to write this book after noticing the lack of older LGBTQ+ characters in children's stories. They create stories with a focus on diversity, inclusivity, compassion, and adventure!

Discussion Questions

- ✳ How does Grandad's mood change throughout the story and what helped him feel better?
- ✳ Imagine you had a camper van like Grandad. What would you take with you on an adventure?
- ✳ What did you learn about Grandad and Gramps from the illustrations?
- ✳ Do you think fixing up the camper van was a good way to remember Gramps? Why or why not?
- ✳ Imagine you are writing a new adventure for Grandad and his granddaughter. Where would they go and what would they do?

Activities

- ✳ Share a special memory or adventure with a partner.
- ✳ Design and decorate a postcard showing a favorite memory shared with a loved one (real or imagined). On the back, write a short note about the adventure.
- ✳ Use magazines, colored paper, and craft supplies to create a class collage of "dream adventures." Each student adds something they'd like to explore, making a mural representing everyone's imagination and community spirit!

Reading is one of the most powerful ways to model inclusion and nurture empathy. Welcoming Schools created the Book of the Month series to foster compassionate dialogue and elevate joyful stories of authentic LGBTQ+ lives, building monthly engagement and momentum leading up to our National Day of Reading each February.