

Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship

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Beautiful in its simplicity, *Introducing Teddy*, by Jessica Walton, turns the pain and confusion often associated with gender identity and transition into a celebration of friendship and happiness. Young Errol, a boy who enjoys both playing in the park and having indoor tea parties when it rains, supports his stuffed teddy, who feels much more at peace as a girl teddy named Tilly. Expressive drawings by Dougal MacPherson showcase a range of emotions as Teddy's bowtie becomes Tilly's hair bow. Young audiences will relate to the bonds of friendship and pursuit of quiet exploration and fun times, regardless of where a teddy places his or her bow.

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