

My Teacher is a Monster! – Reading Guide

Author/Illustrator: Peter Brown

Themes: perspective taking, empathy, respect

Lesson/Notes: It can be difficult to get along with other people sometimes. Learning more about someone helps you understand and get along with that person. Try not to “judge a book by its cover.”

Discussion Questions

- *How was Ms. Kirby like a monster at the beginning of the story? (roared, stomped, etc.)*
- *Why do you think Ms. Kirby acted like that?*
- *How did Bobby feel about Ms. Kirby at the beginning? (scared)*
- *How did Bobby feel about Ms. Kirby after talking with her in the park? (better, happy)*
- *What helped Ms. Kirby and Bobby learn to get along? (learned more about each other, Bobby helped catch Ms. Kirby’s hat, etc.)*

Activity: Judging Books

Supplies: a variety of books

- Go to a local library or bookstore. Encourage child to find books that appear boring or ugly at first glance.
- Look inside and see if predictions were correct. Sometimes they will be, sometimes they won’t. Discuss the importance of getting to know people rather than making quick judgments based on appearances or first impressions.