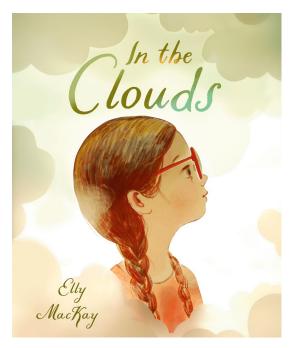
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ABOUT THE BOOK

A bored and curious little girl wishes for a bit of sunshine on a cloudy day. But a friendly bird soon whisks her off for an adventure in the sky, where she can contemplate questions both scientific and philosophical in nature: how do clouds float? Or carry the rain? Where do they go when they disappear? Are there clouds on other planets? Do they have memories? Have they ever seen a girl like her? This dreamy picture book from the inimitable Elly MacKay features her trademark stunning, light-infused spreads that beautifully capture the wondrousness of clouds and the power of nature to inspire and stimulate imaginations.

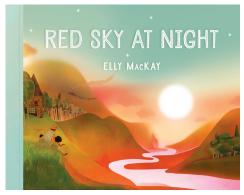
KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Here are some ideas, activities and questions to consider after you've read the book:

• Look at the sky and describe the clouds that you see. Do this on different days to get a variety of cloud descriptions!

 Using white paint on blue paper, loosely paint some clouds. When the paint dries, look closely at the abstract shapes you've made. Do you see a dinosaur? Maybe a shape? Describe what you see.

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MAKE A CLOUD DIORAMA!



MATERIALS:

- cracker or cereal box
- scissors
- tape
- white paper (translucent papers are fun for this too)
- tracing paper or parchment paper
- pencil crayons or markers

*a parent may need to help with cutting the box (scissors or X-Acto knife)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR A CLOUD DIORAMA:

 Cut out the front and back of your box, leaving a small amount of cardboard (about 1 cm) on the edges, like a frame. *You may need an adult's help for this.



2. Place tracing or parchment paper over one of the open sides and tape to secure. This will be the back of your diorama.

- 3. Cut cloud shapes out of the white paper. Fold and bend the edges of the clouds where you want to place them inside the box and tape them.
- 4. You can put clouds behind the tracing paper as well and they will show through, like a shadow puppet would.
- 5. Add a bird or butterfly, or perhaps something else you might find floating in the clouds to your diorama (an umbrella lost to the wind?). Tape or glue it to the tracing paper, inside your box.
- 6. Trace the outside of your box onto white paper and cut out. Draw a large cloud shape in the middle and cut it out.

 Then tape the paper to the front of your diorama box to make a white frame.

Finished! Hold it up to the sun.

Variations: You don't have to cut out the back of the box. It will be sturdy if you only open the front.

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