

Before reading

About this book

A girl draws all kinds of colorful monsters on walls, houses and streets in a black and white city. But then the monsters come to life!



During reading

Create a story together in 1-2-3 times

1. Explore the book together

Enjoy the images, be amazed by the story and ask each other the basic questions on every page:

- What do you see? What happens?
- How do you see that?
- What else do you see?

2. Questions to talk about together

- First the girl draws a line that ends in a heart on the wall. And then an orange monster. What does she draw after that?
- Why do animals keep getting bigger? What ultimately causes the colors in the city to disappear? Why do the clouds succeed and the garden hose not?
- If you were the girl, would you draw monsters too? Why (not)? What else would you draw?

3. Think together about what the characters feel, think and say

You can choose who you are: the girl or the dog or a monster. What do they say?

Learn new words together

We thought of these words as we read the story. Look at the words. They mean the same in Dutch and English, but they are written and pronounced differently.

Now choose one of the English words. Can you find the word in the book? Talk about this word together in your preferred language. What do you know about this word? Name as many words as you can that belong to this word (in your preferred language).

Now think of a word that appears in the book and write it down together in both languages. Name everything you know about this word.

English	Dutch	English	Dutch
the monster	het monster	to point	wijzen
purple	paars	the garden hose	de tuinslang
to follow	volgen	to sweep	vegen
to scrub	boenen	the chalk	het stoepkrijt
to grow	groeien	diligently	ijverig
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After reading

Tell me... Continuing to talk together: questions for the oldest reader

Tell me about the time that you drew something very large, or something with chalk, or something with a lot of color. What was it? What happened to the drawing?

Do an activity together

Draw your own monster with chalk or pencils. First, think about what color this monster is and what its face looks like. Is the monster scared, angry, happy or sad? How can you tell? Let's draw it!