

Before reading

About this book

While her father doesn't pay attention to her, a girl picks flowers and gives them to passers-by. This small friendly gesture attracts attention.



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

- A child walks through the street with the father and keeps picking flowers. Who do they encounter? Where are they going?
- Some pages have more color. Do you see that too? Why would that be the case?
- In the story the child gives away many flowers. If you were the child, who would you give the flowers to? Why?

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

Choose the child or the birds at the end of the story. What does the child think when she gives away the flowers? Does she say anything? What do the birds want to say to the child?

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 park	het park	to stoop	bukken
the flower	de bloem	the shadow	de schaduw
the street	de straat	to discover	ontdekken
to wave	zwaaien	the tile	de tegel
dead	dood	generous	gul
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After reading

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

Tell me about the time you gave someone something very valuable. What was it? Who did you give it to? Why? How did it make you and the other person feel?

Do an activity together

Draw a vase together and then each draw a flower of your choice. What does this look like? What is the shape/color/length/the smell?