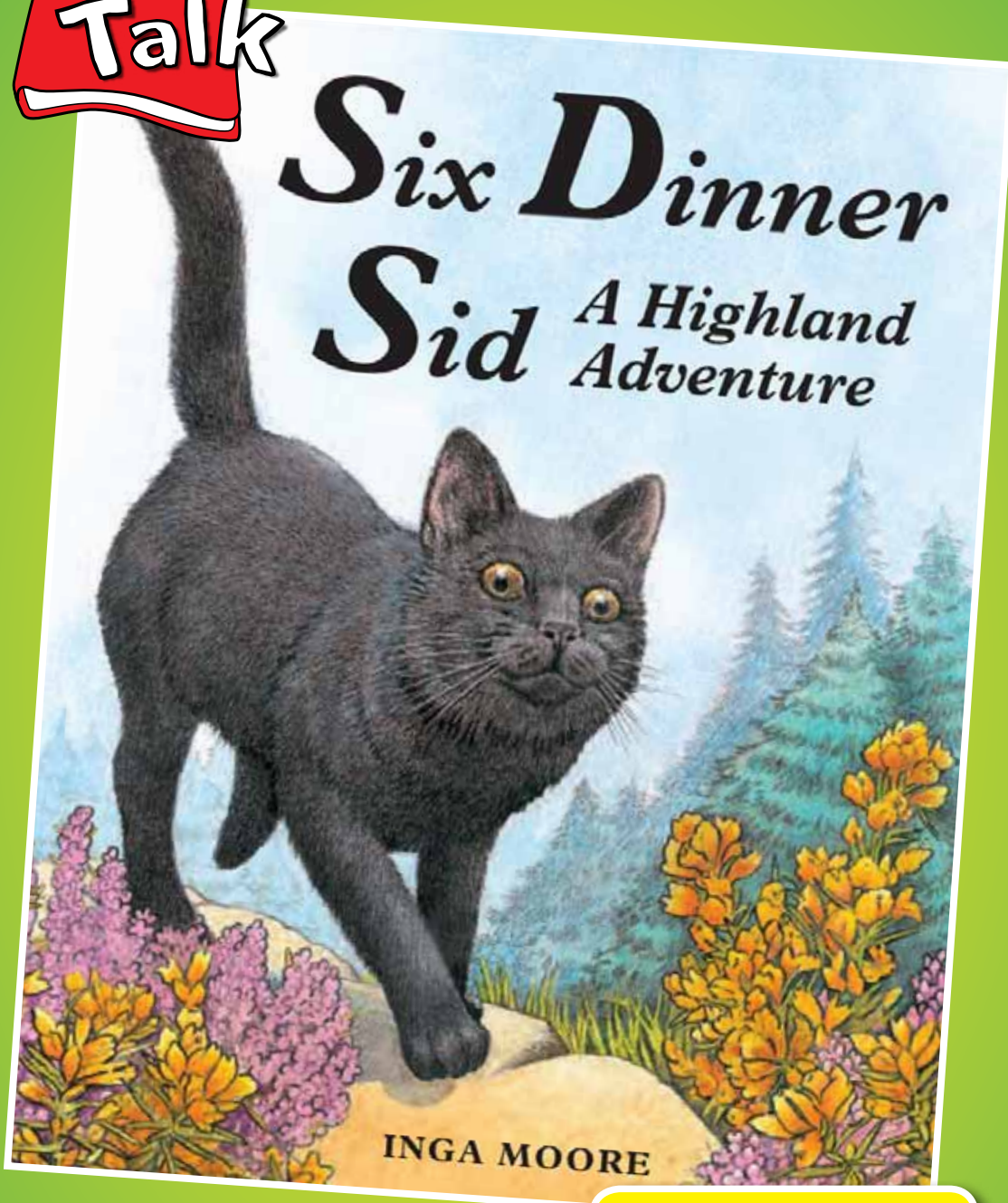


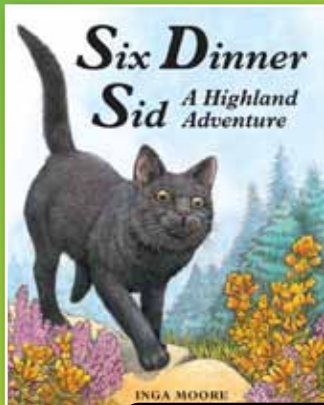
**Book
Talk**



Illustrations © 2009 Inga Moore from *Six Dinner Sid: A Highland Adventure*, published by Hodder Children's Books

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Price	£5.99 / €7.20
Case	Welcome to Reading
Author/ Illustrator	Inga Moore
Publisher	Hodder Children's Books

Using this book in your classroom

Themes

This beautifully illustrated story has a focus on **friendship** and **problem-solving**. It also explores the relationship between **cats and their owners**.

Summary

In this delightful sequel to Inga Moore's classic picture book, *Six Dinner Sid*, Sid the cat faces a problem when all of his owners decide to go on holiday at once. He is used to getting six dinners every day, by visiting each of his owners in turn ... so what will he do while they are away? Fortunately for Sid, his owners solve the problem by going on holiday together to the Highlands of Scotland – and taking Sid with them! Sid sets off to explore and meets Jock, a friendly Scottish wildcat, who shows him how to catch his own dinner. But Sid finds that foraging for food can be dangerous, when he ends up with a rather-too-close encounter with an eagle! Luckily, Sid is a fearless cat with a good head for heights, so he manages to save both Jock and himself from the eagle. But his adventures have given him quite an appetite... Six dinners aren't enough this time, so he works out a way to get his paws on a seventh!

Did you know?

- *Six Dinner Sid* has to be one of the best-loved cats in children's literature, charming children and adults alike for nearly 20 years. Inga Moore won the Smarties Prize for *Six Dinner Sid* in 1990.
- As well as her picture books, Inga Moore has also produced highly acclaimed illustrations for the children's classics *The Wind in the Willows* and *The Secret Garden*.

The Story Session

1. Introducing the story

If the children have read *Six Dinner Sid*, start by talking about this and sharing what they can remember about the hero, Sid. (You can omit this if they haven't read this book.) Show the cover illustration to the children. Say: "What kind of cat do you think Sid is? What sort of personality do you think he has?" Share the children's predictions of what the story will be about, based on the cover picture, title and blurb.

2. Reading the story

- Read the whole story to the children. Pause at the point where Sid reaches the holiday place and goes off to explore. Say: "What do you think will happen next? Who might Sid meet? What kinds of adventures might he have?" Make a brief note of the children's predictions, and see if they are right as you continue to read the story.
- Pause again when the eagle spots the cats, and ask the children to predict again what might happen next.
- At the end of the book, say: "How do you think Sid is going to get his seventh dinner? Who will give it to him?"

3. Follow-up

- Encourage the children to talk about the story when you have read it. For example, say: "Can you tell me which was your favourite part of the story? Why did you like that part?" Ask: "Did any parts of the story surprise you? Did the story turn out differently from the way you expected at first?"
- Some children may like to make up a new adventure for Sid – for example, an adventure he could have if he went on holiday to the seaside, or an adventure that Jock could have if he came back home with Sid after the holiday. Encourage them to act out their new story, or help them to write some sentences about it and draw a picture.
- Children could choose their favourite part of the book and draw a picture based on this. Encourage them to add a caption or some labels to show what is happening in the picture.

YOU TELL US

- Did you use these notes to have a Book Talk in class?
- Were they helpful?
- Are there any changes you'd like to see to make them more useful?

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