

The Kiss That Missed by David Melling Barrons, 2002

SYNOPSIS-

Here's a funny story for kids, featuring David Melling's atmospheric and richly colored illustrations on every page. One evening, when the King is in a hurry, his goodnight kiss to the Little Prince goes astray. After rattling around the Prince's bedroom, it flies out the window and floats into the dark forest where it has no business to be. The King orders his Knight to climb on his horse, ride into the forest, and bring back the kiss. But the forest is filled with spooky things that frighten both the Knight and his horse. How will they ever succeed in bringing the kiss back to the castle? -Barrons, 2002

THEMES-

family, valentines, make believe, fairy tales

ABOUT THE AUTHOR-

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ACTIVITIES-

1. After reading *The Kiss that Missed*, discuss the story with your students. Ask them if they thought the story was a true story or if it was make believe. As a class make a list of all the items in the story that could really happen and those that are make believe. Then ask your students to write their own story about what would happen if their goodnight kiss was missed.
2. Discuss how different people show they care. Talk about how the king showed his son he loved him. Ask the students how they show their friends, parents, siblings, and other people in their lives that they care. Ask them to each pick on person to send the following note to, accompanied with Hershey Hugs and Kisses.

Today we read *The Kiss that Missed* by David Melling

It was very telling. . .

Hugs and Kisses show we care.

I would like to share. . .

These hugs and kisses with you to show my care!

Love, _____