

Title: Carmine, A Little More Red

Bibliographic Information: Sweet, Melissa. Carmine, A Little More Red. Illus. Melissa Sweet. Houghton Mifflin Company. ISBN: 0-618-38794-3

Synopsis: This is an alphabet book filled with words to learn. The story begins when a little girl who loves the color red and loves to “dilly-dally,” stops in the middle of the road to paint a picture. She is on the way to her grandmas to eat some alphabet soup. Her dog, Rufus meets up with a wolf and leads him to grandma’s house unknowingly. The wolf finds bones and such and throws grandma in the closet. Does this sound familiar at all? My favorite page is the pluck and quiver page.

Themes: Conduct of life, fairy tales, dogs, wolves, painting, awareness, and family love.

Author Information: Melissa Sweet was born in 1956 in Wyckoff, New Jersey. She attended Endicott College and Kansas City Art Institute. She began illustrating children's books in 1986 and has illustrated more than 40 books. Her work can also be seen in magazines, on posters, children's toys and food packaging. <http://www.melissasweet.net>

Activities: On each page there is a vocabulary word, we will be writing each one down on a piece of paper. Then we will think of the meaning and write it down. Next we will all think of an instance where you heard or saw this word in a movie, other books, at home by parents or siblings, etc. We will discuss them when everyone has finished. Once you are done, choose a partner and one word from the book and make up a quick skit to help us better understand that specific word.

Discussion Questions: What was your favorite word throughout the book? What was the ultimate problem throughout the book? Do you like alphabet soup? When you eat alphabet soup do you make words with the letters? Why was her favorite color red?

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