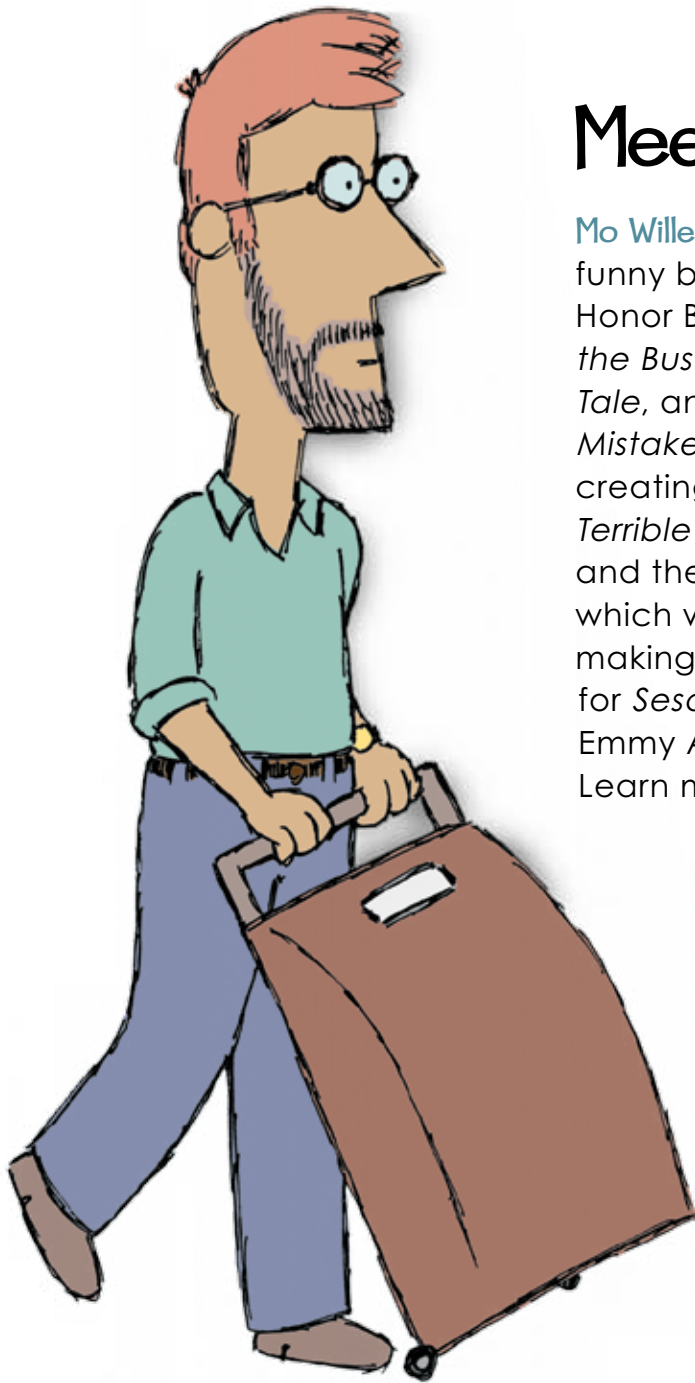


KNUFFLE BUNNY

AND TRIXIE ARE BACK!



Meet Mo!

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MAKE-BELIEVE TIME!



Throw a Slumber Party!

Turn nap time into a slumber party! Ask your students to come dressed in their pj's with their favorite stuffed animal. Read aloud from *Knuffle Bunny Free* before catching some zzz's.

Going Dutch

Institute a "Dutch Day" in your classroom! In *Knuffle Bunny Free*, Trixie travels to Holland to visit her grandparents. There, she sips a drink at an outdoor café, visits a windmill, and even gets a Dutch-speaking bunny. Have your students imagine they're in Holland. Set up a European café with their desks (sip away on those juice boxes!). Show them how to draw a windmill, and encourage them to act like windmills using their arms! Teach your students a few choice Dutch words and phrases:

Hello: **Hallo** ("Hah-Low")
My name is: **Mijn naam is** ("Mine naam ist")
I can hop: **Ik kan springen** ("Ick kahn spring-en")



Stuffed Animal Swap

In *Knuffle Bunny Free*, Trixie takes a trip to Holland and Knuffle Bunny goes on a trip of his own. Have your students send their stuffed animals on a trip by swapping with one another for a night. Then ask students to draw a picture of what they did with their visiting stuffed animal to share with the class.

Play Airplane!

In *Knuffle Bunny Free*, Trixie flies in an airplane to Holland. Even if your students have never flown before, they can pretend to in your classroom. Using your students' chairs, set up the room like an airplane. Some kids can play passengers while others play the pilot, copilot, and flight attendants. Everyone hold on tight for takeoff, buckle up those seat belts, and enjoy your midflight snack from the snack cart! Even if the ride gets bumpy, reassure your students that it's okay as you get them excited about and comfortable with the idea of flying.



GET CREATIVE TIME!

P.S. I Love You

Trixie's grandparents have a photo of her in their home. For Grandparents Day in September, have kids bring in a picture of themselves to paste into a card for their grandparents (or other relatives). Encourage them to write a message inside telling their grandparents how much they love them. The next time the kids visit, make sure they look for their card on display in their grandparents' house!



Funny-Bunny-Wunny-Doll™ Extreme!

In Holland, Trixie's grandparents give her a new stuffed bunny called the Funny-Bunny-Wunny-Doll™ Extreme. Have your students imagine that Trixie is visiting their school, and have them draw a picture of the bunny they would give her. They can make it as funny-wunny as they want. And make sure they don't forget to name it!

Time Capsule

Trixie has grown up over the course of the three Knuffle Bunny books. How will the kids in your class have grown up by the end of the year?

Have them write letters to themselves about what they're like right now. What do they enjoy? What do they dislike? What are their hopes for this year? What do they wish for? When they're done, collect the letters and return them on the last day of school so they can see just how much they've grown up over the year!



Kodak Moments

At the beginning of *Knuffle Bunny Free*, there's a collage of important moments from Trixie's life. Have kids bring in three to five photos of their own Kodak moments. Using construction paper, glue, and crayons, have them make their own collages. They can decorate the collages as much as they want—but make sure they don't forget to write captions beneath their photos!

DISCUSSION TIME!



Your Own Oma and Opa!

Everyone calls their grandparents something different. Trixie calls hers Oma and Opa. What do your students call theirs, and why? Is it a cultural name? A nickname? A family tradition? Is their older brother to blame? Or are they the culprit? Start a classroom discussion!

Little World Travelers

Using pushpins or stickers and a large map of the world, have kids mark off where they've traveled. How many states has your class been to? How many countries? Now here's the real question: If your students could go anywhere in the entire world, where would they go? Discuss!



Being Big Enough

Trixie learns what it means to be a big person in *Knuffle Bunny Free*. After reading the book with your students, discuss what kids like them can do to help others. Not all kids have stuffed animals and toys at home. Host a toy drive at your school or library. Kids can bring in toys they've outgrown to donate to kids who are less fortunate. Make sure to do something fun for your class after all their hard work at being "big."

Dad to the Rescue!

In the Knuffle Bunny books, Trixie's dad is always there for her. As a group, have students share a time when their dad (or other guardian) did something special for them—something they never forgot!

