

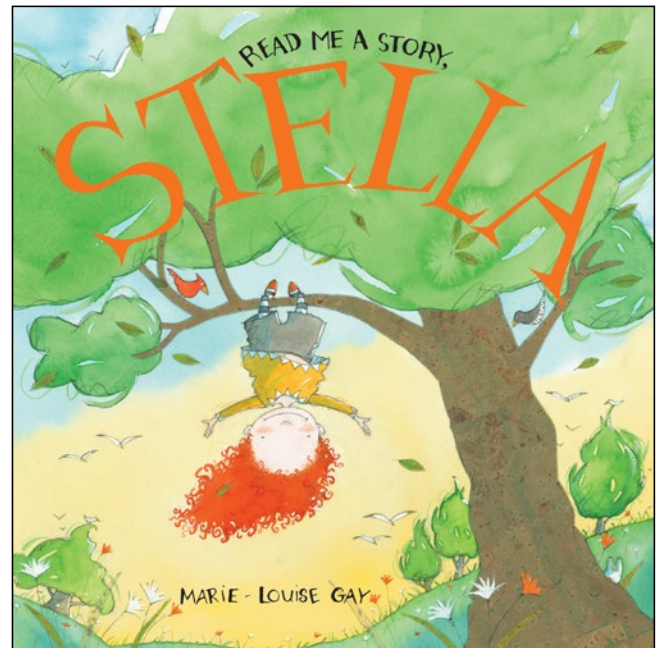
# Storytime Activities from Greenwood Books

## About the Book

In the first new Stella book in four years, Stella introduces her little brother, Sam, to the pleasures of reading. Sam is as busy and worried as ever, and Stella almost always has her nose in a book these days, but she finds time to help him out, while sharing her new pastime with contagious enthusiasm.

## About Marie-Louise Gay

Marie-Louise Gay is a world-renowned author and illustrator of children's books. She has won many prestigious awards, including the Governor General's Award and the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award. Her books have been translated into more than fifteen languages and are loved by children all over the world. She lives in Montreal. To learn more about Marie-Louise Gay, visit her website: [www.marielouisegay.com](http://www.marielouisegay.com).



### *Read Me a Story, Stella*

Written and illustrated by Marie-Louise Gay  
978-1-55498-216-5 | Hardcover \$16.95  
32 pages | Ages 2 to 5 | Pre-K to Grade 1



## Before You Read

Have the children in the group talk about their favorite books. Do they have a favorite place for reading? Who do they like to read with? Once everyone has had a chance to speak, read the story aloud.



## While You're Reading

Bunnies show up on almost every page — see if your group can spot them all!

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## After You Read

*Read Me a Story, Stella* is set during the summertime. Look through the book again — what clues can your group find that tell them it is summer?

Ask the children in your group who they like to play with. Have them draw a picture of a day they spent playing with a friend or sibling.

In the story, Sam plants carrots to feed the rabbits in the garden. Have the children in your group plant seeds in cups, care for them, and watch them grow. Beans are a good choice, but you could also try growing radishes or marigolds. Plastic or paper cups make perfect planters for this project. Clear plastic will allow your group to see how the plant grows day by day, but egg cartons, yogurt cups or small pots work, too. If using beans, you may want to soak them overnight to speed up the process. Have your group sow the beans or seeds in soil in their planters, then have them care for their seeds by making sure they get enough water and sunlight.

