



The Boy Who Lost His Laugh

By Dimity Powell Illustrated by Heidi Cooper-Smith

Tim has a mop of unruly hair, a face full of freckles and a legion of dinosaurs. But the one thing Tim has never had is a family to call his own.

As Tim bounces from one foster family to the next, he gradually loses hope of unpacking his dinosaurs for good and with it, his laugh. Could the Lee family be the ones to help him find it?

The Boy Who Lost His Laugh is a poignant portrayal of families, belonging and Parasaurolophuses that recognises the delicate dynamics of foster care.



KEY POINTS

- Takes a look at the experience of foster care from the child's perspective
- Explores themes of family, relationships, adoption, belonging, sense of self and parenting
- Shows how humour can be a bonding
 - Exciting new Australian author and illustrator team.
 - Engages the concepts of mental and emotional well-being and balance.
 - Spotlights diverse family dynamics and their impact on family members and family well-being.
 - Highlights global contemporary societal issues.
 - Addresses aspects of the fostering, in home caring systems, and kin care, promoting further examination.
 - Promotes positive (parenting) role modelling.
 - Addresses the Australian primary SOSE curricula plus many other areas including English, Science, Art, HPE, and Social Sciences.
 - Endearing character-driven visual narrative provides humour and sensitivity through a soothing colour palette and authentic, detailed portrayal of these characters both human and otherwise.
 - Celebrates a perennial love of dinosaurs!



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Interest Age:	3+ years
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Discover how foster child Tim finds what he's been searching for in this tale of love, family, humour and learning to bounce back.

About the Author: Dimity Powell loves filling every spare moment with words. She writes and reviews exclusively for children and has published over 30 stories including *This is My Dad* (2022), the award-winning *At the End of Holyrood Lane* (2018) and the critically acclaimed *The Fix It Man* (2017). Dimity loves sailing on the beam, reading under trees and laughing lots.

About the Illustrator: Heidi Cooper Smith is an author-illustrator based in Brisbane, Australia. She illustrates digitally using watercolour brushes and likes to write quirky, whimsical stories. When she's not working on a book, Heidi can be found covered in clay, working as a production potter while dreaming up new characters to bring to life.