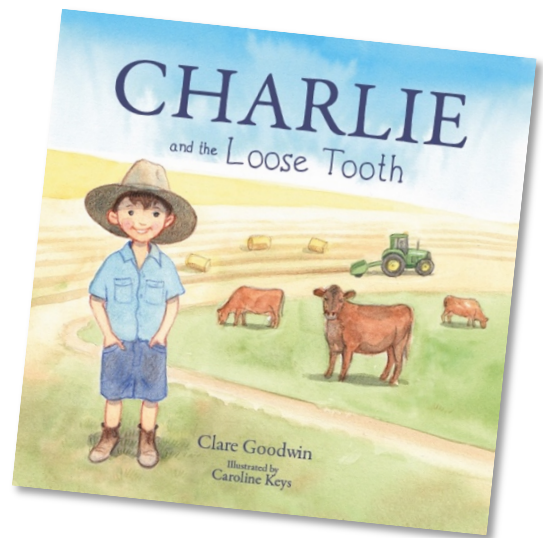


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SYNOPSIS

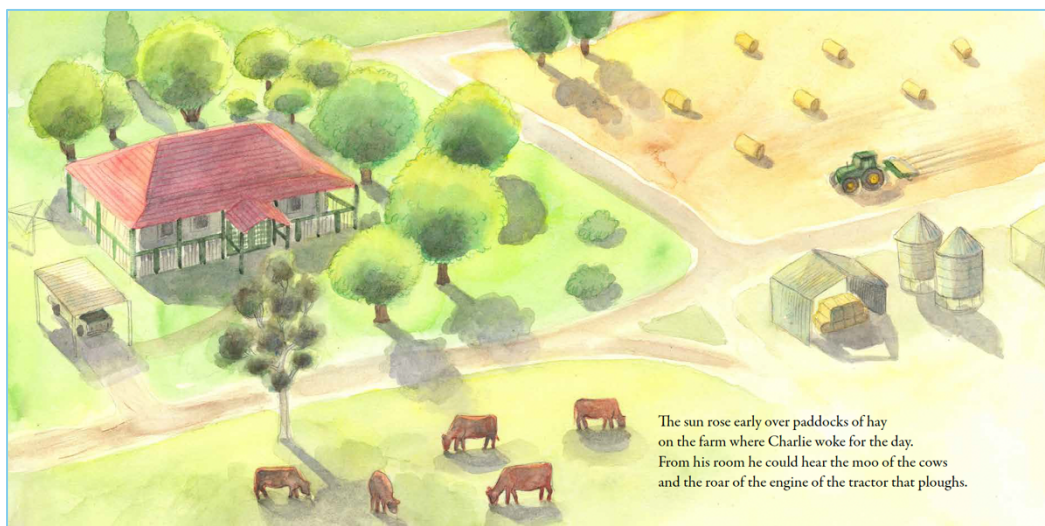
Charlie wakes up to discover his tooth is loose! But even the excitement of waiting for the tooth fairy can't get in the way of all the work to be done on the family farm.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Clare Goodwin is a Brisbane based author and stay-at-home mother of three young children. Clare grew up on her family's cattle farm near Dalby, Queensland. She draws her inspiration for her stories from her rural upbringing, which she shared with her five brothers and five sisters, and her cousins across the creek. Clare is tertiary-qualified, with a background in education and commerce.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

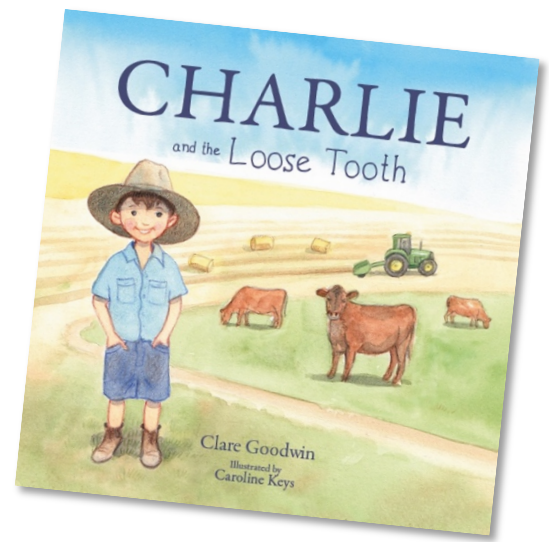
Caroline Keys is an illustrator based in Ballarat, Australia. She grew up in South Africa and wanted to be an artist from the time she could hold a crayon. After studying graphic design, she cut her teeth as an illustrator working on readers and textbooks for children in rural African schools. Currently, her work is a lot easier compared to in those days when she used old house paint (because she couldn't afford to buy acrylics) that would dry in the African heat before she'd even finished painting. She would have to pay her brother to pose for her and would head to the library constantly to use the town's coin-operated internet for resources. Now, after close to 20 years of living in Australia, she sits in the comfort of her studio with a high-speed internet connection, all the watercolours, inks and gouache she could have ever dreamed of and three children available with chocolate at a moment's notice.



The sun rose early over paddocks of hay on the farm where Charlie woke for the day. From his room he could hear the moo of the cows and the roar of the engine of the tractor that ploughs.

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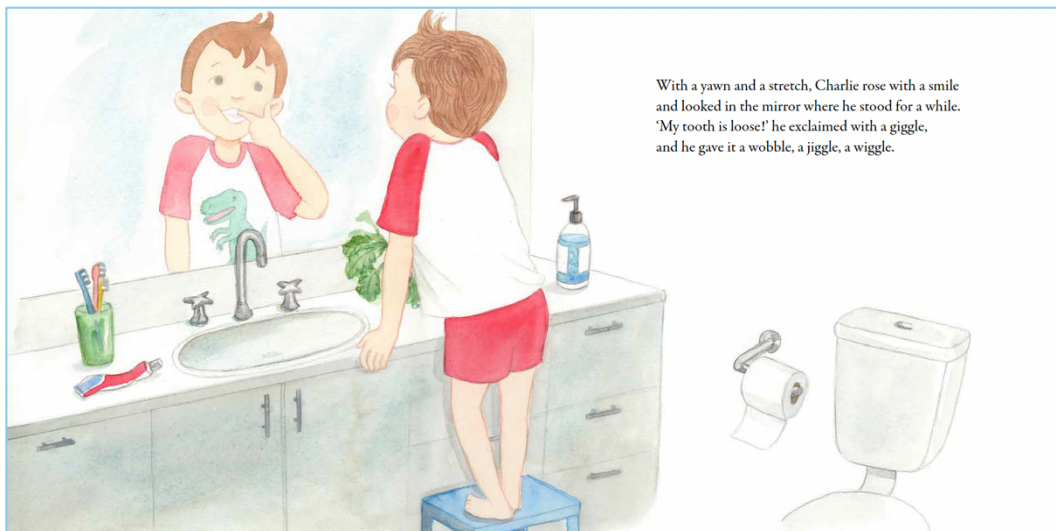
EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Charlie and the Loose Tooth is a relatable story that gives children a glimpse at life on an Australian family farm.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

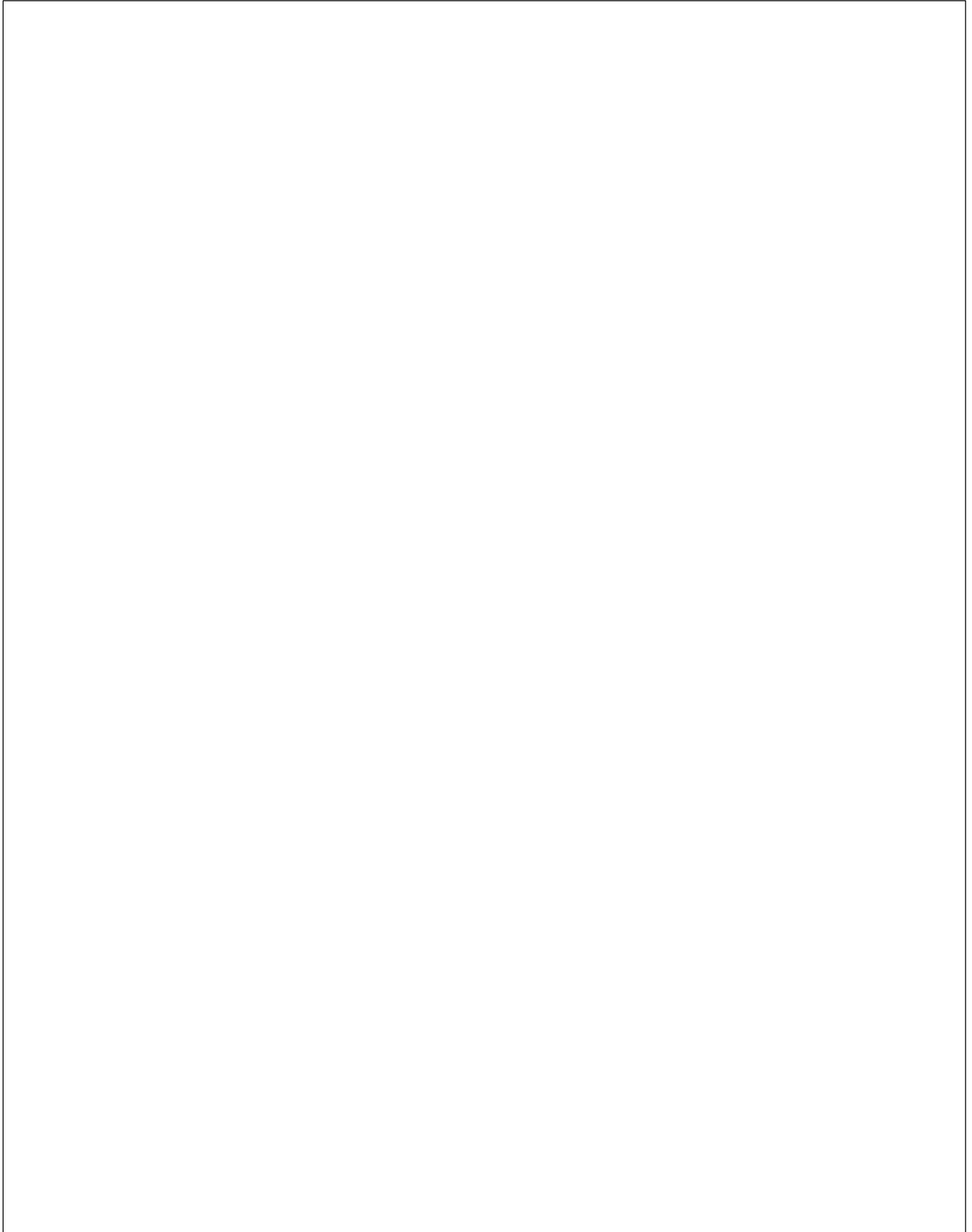
1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Charlie does a lot of chores on the farm. When you start reading the book, who or what do you think those chores might be? At the end of the book, what chores can you remember?
3. Do you have chores that you do at your house? What are they?
4. Have you or has somebody you know lost a tooth? What happened?
5. At the end of the book, Charlie decides to save his tooth fairy money for something special. What is Charlie saving for? What would you spend your tooth fairy money on?
6. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



FUN
ACTIVITY!

DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of Charlie chasing his lost tooth. Use your brightest colours!





Charlie and the Loose Tooth

H E U A I M N V Y L
L H Y C H O R E S O
C I T T O O T H Q O
G H N F A M I L Y S
G X A C P L T B X E
N L F R U F A I R Y
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Q R Z P B I P G A S
V Y U S R U E B R Z
T R A C T O R C M O

CHARLIE

TRACTOR

CHORES

FAMILY

FAIRY

TOOTH

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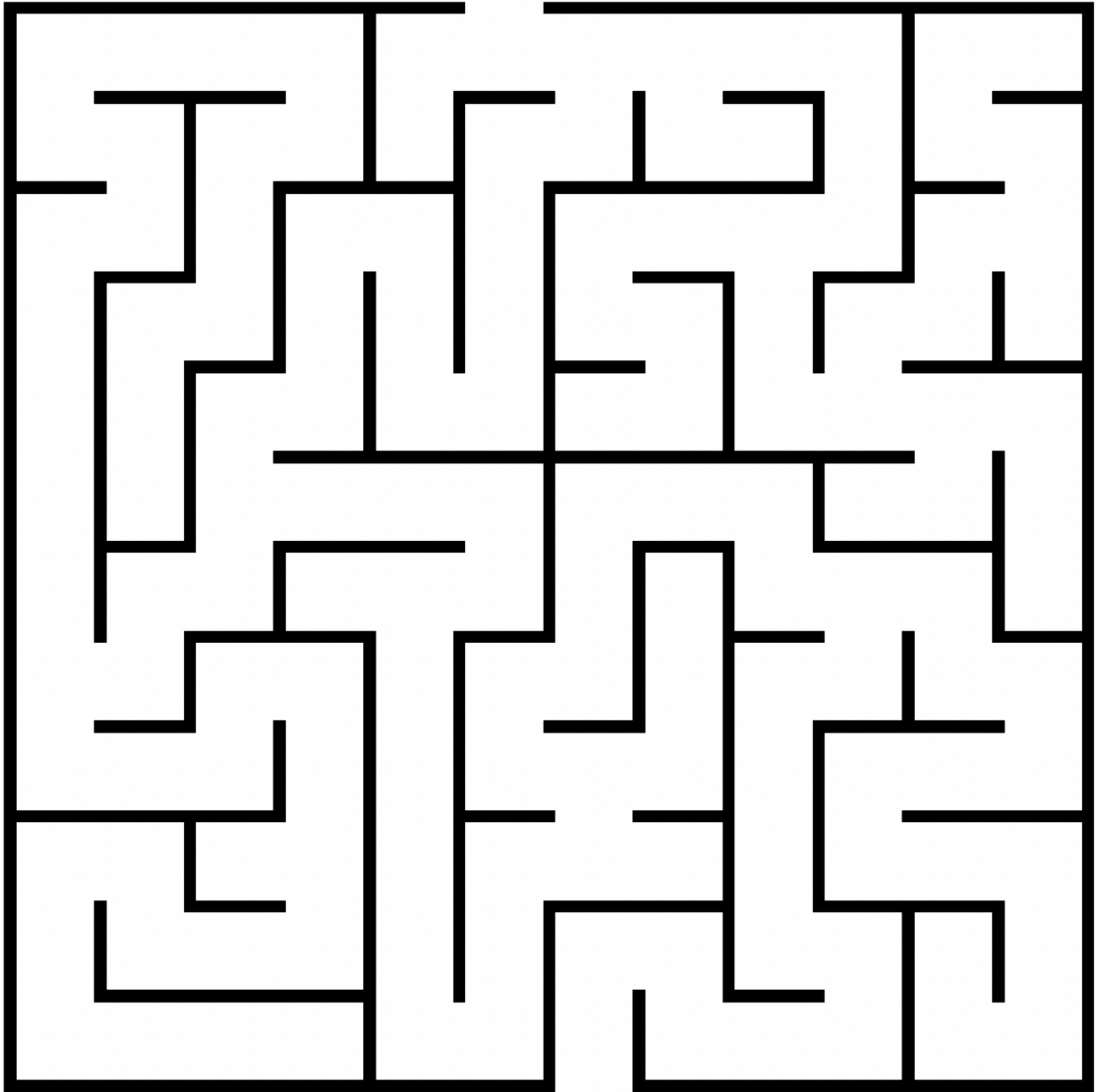
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FUN
ACTIVITY!

A-MAZE-ING CHARLIE!

Help Charlie find his tooth!



FUN
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A-MAZE-ING CHARLIE SOLUTION

