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## A SHORT DISCUSSION GUIDE TO...

# THIS IS OUR CITY

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### About the Book:

In this companion to *THIS IS A WINDOW*, the power of children's imaginations returns to center stage—this time in a shared backyard, where kids run a make-believe city full of hustle and bustle.

### Let's talk about cities:

- Welcome to Cat Pine Falls! The kids created a whole city outside, using trees, rocks, and other basic items. What have you created outside?
- Who is the mayor of Cat Pine Falls? Can you find her hiding on most of the pages?
- If you ran a city, what's the first rule you would make? And why?
- In your city, what would your coins (or money) be? And what would you sell?
- What would be the most fun place to visit in your city?



### Let's talk about community:

- The kids in *THIS IS OUR CITY* are neighbors. When was a time you met and played with a neighbor? How did that go?
- The houses share a big backyard, where the kids created Cat Pine Falls. Where do you gather with your community? This can be inside or outside, near or far from your house.
- What do you think the kids will play tomorrow? Or do you have a suggestion of a new place for them to build in their city?

### Let's talk about art:

- The artwork in this book is cut-paper collage. Do you know what collage means? Have you ever made one?
- The illustrator also used stamps, crayons, colored pencils, and paints. What's your favorite art material to use? And what's your favorite thing to draw?



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