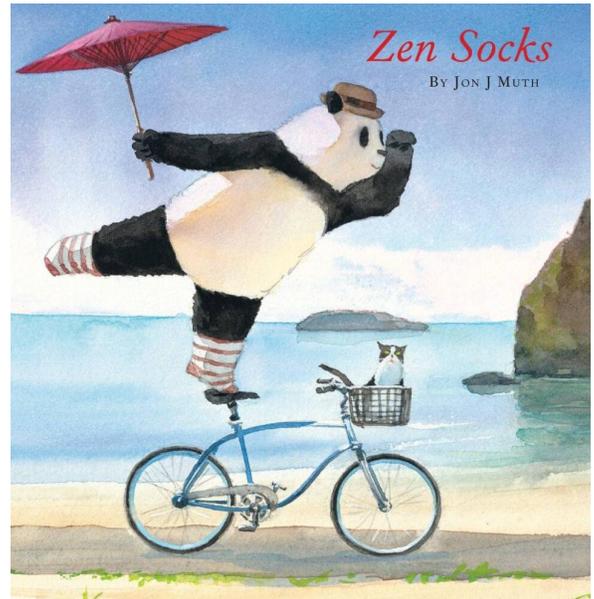




# ZEN SOCKS

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Stillwater and the children are neighbors and have a great time together! Can they all learn lessons from each other and have fun at the same time?



## Questions:

1. How do Leo and Molly feel when they are sitting on the porch? Something is coming—are they nervous or excited? What is the difference between nervous and excited? Both mean something is coming, but one is a good thing coming and one is maybe a bad thing coming.
2. How do the kids feel about Stillwater?
3. Does Stillwater look like he would be good at ballet and enjoy dancing? Not really, but Molly asks him, because you never know what someone is good at and what someone loves just by looking at them! Do you think Stillwater had fun with Molly?
4. Can you learn how to be absolutely great at something in only a few days? If you're worried about how long it will take to learn something, are you focused on learning it? Being patient is always helpful when learning something new!
5. How do you think Leo feels when Stillwater won't let him pick his favorite cookie? Was Stillwater being serious or was he pretending to be a bad guy? Do you think that Stillwater is right that "bad guys don't always think that they are being bad guys"?
6. Is it possible to play with someone without anyone playing as the "bad guys"? How do you think they felt playing as friends rather than enemies?
7. Why did the kids throw the starfish back into the ocean? Did they have fun throwing them? Were they also doing something good for the starfish? What if they had just left the starfish behind?
8. Sometimes we think that since we can't fix everything it's not worth trying. Do you think it's true that even if we can't help everyone, we can do our best to help someone? Does that make a big difference?
9. Does Stillwater look at the world the same way that most people do or does he do things a little differently? Is it okay to do things differently? Do the kids tell him he is weird, or do they go along with him and try new things? Is it better to try new things or to say no to everything that is different?