

# **Ruby Finds a Worry**

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**Synopsis:** A young girl's sense of adventure and exploration vanishes when she discovers a worry that grows and grows until she learns how to get rid of it.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Beginning of the School Year/Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - National New Friends Day

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- Discuss what made the worry grow and shrink and how students make their own worries grow and shrink.
- Have students draw a picture of their worry.
- Ask students to name people who they can talk to that help their worry to shrink.
- Have students cut out three different size circles and write on them a small worry, a medium worry, and a big worry that they sometimes have.
- Make a list of ways to get rid of a worry or what to do when you are worried.

### **Related Websites:**

- Summary & Reviews: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/ruby-finds-a-worry-9781547602377/>
- Ruby's Worry Activity Pack: [https://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/ruby\\_worry\\_activity\\_pack.pdf](https://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/ruby_worry_activity_pack.pdf)
- Tom Percival's website: <http://tom-percival.com/>
- Centre for Literacy in Primary Education's - Ideas to develop comprehension and extended provision: <https://clpe.org.uk/sites/default/files/Ruby%27s%20Worry%20by%20Tom%20Percival%20CLPE.pdf>

### **Text to Text Connections:**

*Butterflies on the First Day of School* by Annie Silvestro

*Lubna and Pebble* by Wendy Meddour

*Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes

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