RUBY'S WORRY

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BLOOMSBURY
This book is for Peregrines class at
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Thank you all for your great pictures!
Ruby loved being Ruby.

She loved to swing up high...
and she loved to explore wild, faraway places.

Sometimes she even went all the way to the very bottom of the garden, Ruby was perfectly happy. Until one day...
It wasn't a very big Worry...
she discovered a Worry.
Each day it got a little bit bigger...

Ruby hardly noticed it. In fact, it was so small that at first, it started to worry. But then the worry
When she cleaned her teeth
And it was STILL there at night.

her over the cereal box
It was there at breakfast staring at

I just wouldn't leave her alone.
So Ruby pretended that she couldn't see it either.

Ruby's worry—no, even her teacher—The funny thing was that no one else could see it.
The worry was always there — stopping her from doing the things that she loved.

But it just wasn't — everything was normal.
She tried to carry on as if...
Ruby didn't realize, but she was doing the worst thing you can ever do with a worry...
It filled up half of the school bus...

Kitchen at tea time. It could barely fit in the

ENORMOUS
Now the worry was
The Worry became the only thing that Ruby could think about, and it seemed like she would never feel happy again.

and it took up whole rows at the cinema.
A Worry?

Hovering next to him could it be...
And then she noticed something else, something

He looked how she felt – sad.

Ruby noticed a boy sitting alone at the park.

Then, one day something

unexpected happened
His worry began to shrink...

...and, as he told her, the strangest thing happened...

She asked the boy what was on his mind.

Ruby realized that she wasn't the only person with a worry after all.

Other people had them, too!
Then Ruby did the best thing you can ever do if you have a Worry...
she talked about it.

Soon, both of their Worries were gone!

As the words tumbled out, Ruby’s Worry began to shrink until it was barely there at all.
But now that she knew how to

... get rid of them...

Of course, that wasn't the last time that

she ever had a worry (everyone gets

them from time to time).

Finally, Ruby felt like herself again!
they never hang around for long.