



## Commissioner's Book Club: **Strictly No Elephants!**

### Discussion guide

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Art can help make things better in society. It can do this in many ways. One way is by showing people what's unfair in the world. Art can also help people understand each other better. When we read a story about someone's life, we can imagine what it's like to be them. Art can also be a way for people to stand up for what's right and to feel like we all belong.

We hope that both adults and children will engage with these books, and that caregivers find the discussion questions useful in initiating conversations with the young people in their lives.

- ★ How do you think the boy and his elephant felt when they were told they couldn't join the pet club?
- ★ Have you ever felt left out of something? What happened, and how did it make you feel?
- ★ What would you do if you saw someone who was left out or feeling sad?
- ★ How do the boy and his elephant show they are good friends to each other?
- ★ Why do you think it's important to include others? Can you think of a time when you did that?
- ★ Why do you think the kids and their pets decided to make a new club? What's special about it?
- ★ If you were starting your own club, what rules would you make to make everyone feel welcome?