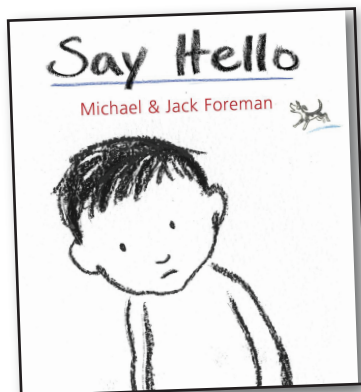


# Children's Book Review

Everyone at some time in their lives feels left out. *Say Hello* illustrates just how lonely it feels to be the only one not asked to play and how easy it is to include someone else. Jack Foreman's poem tells us of a young boy left out of the other children's games and is based on his own childhood experiences. It is illustrated by his father, noted illustrator Michael Foreman.

The sparse, minimalist illustrations add to the feeling of isolation and allow the reader to concentrate on the simple message. This will be especially appealing to children who find busy picture books disturbing. This book is ideal for sharing, particularly with those children struggling with social skills. The sparsity of the text and illustration gives opportunity for the storyteller to interact with the child, discuss friendship, emotions and inclusion. As an extra treat the end page is decorated with the word 'Hello' in many different languages. This gives more advanced children the chance to try exciting new languages and is a great way of promoting cultural inclusion.



**Jack and Michael Foreman,  
*Say Hello***

(Walker Books, Hbk, 2007), rrp.  
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