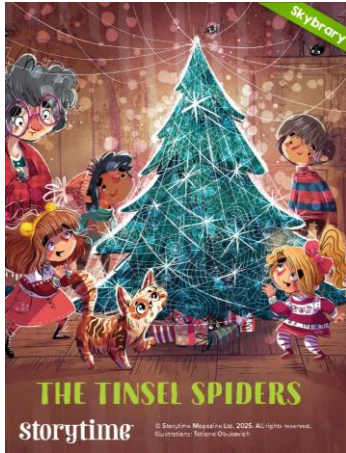


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Tinsel Spiders

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Tatiana Obukovich

Themes: Magic, Unexpected Beauty, Family

Book Brief: A magical Eastern European folktale about a grandmother who discovers that sometimes the most beautiful decorations come from unexpected places, and how spiders' webs became tinsel!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Do you help prepare or decorate your home for the holidays or special occasions? What do you like decorating?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- What is the grandmother doing to prepare for her grandchildren? What does she forget to do?
- What happens to the tree while the grandmother is sleeping?
- What do the spiderwebs look like when the sun shines on them? What miraculous thing happens?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How did spiderwebs turn into something beautiful? What does this story teach us about unexpected magic?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Decorate a tree or special space together with sparkly or handmade decorations. Use tinsel, string, ribbon, paper, or other shiny materials to create something that shines. Talk about how the grandmother discovered beauty in something unexpected, just like decorations can transform a space.
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