

Background about the Book – Flat Stanley

Stanley Lambchop was just an ordinary, round boy—until the night his bulletin board fell off the wall and flattened him. Suddenly, Stanley can slide under doors, mail himself across the country in an envelope, and fly like a kite! And these are only the start of his incredible adventures....For more than forty-five years, Flat Stanley has captured the imaginations of kids, parents, and teachers alike with his smarts, his courage, and (most of all)his flatness—and he’s still going strong.

About the Author



Jeff Brown created the beloved character of Flat Stanley as a bedtime story for his sons. He has written other outrageous books about the Lambchop family, including *Flat Stanley*, *Stanley and the Magic Lamp*, *Invisible Stanley*, *Stanley's Christmas Adventure*, *Stanley in Space*, and *Stanley, Flat Again!*

Reviews – Flat Stanley

Poor Stanley. He's a perfectly normal boy until one morning he wakes up flat. After his parents peel the incriminating bulletin board off of him, Stanley must adjust to life as a pancake. He is a boy who takes this kind of thing in stride, though, and soon he's enjoying the advantages of squashedness. Sliding under closed doors is fun, and it's gratifying to be of use to his mother when she drops her ring through a narrow metal grating. Expensive plane fare to California? No problem. Svelte Stanley folds comfortably into a brown paper envelope. There's even room left over in there for an egg-salad sandwich. But Stanley's true moment of glory comes when a gang of thieves begins stealing paintings from the Famous Museum of Art. The case seems hopeless--until our two-dimensional hero saves the day. Here is one boy who doesn't let his profile-challenged body stop him from living life fully--that is, until his brother finds a way to help him become well rounded again. Jeff Brown's matter-of-fact tone and Tomi Ungerer's witty and engaging drawings tickle the funny bone, making this 1964 classic a perennial favorite. (Ages 4 to 8) --*Emilie Coulter*

--*Amazon.com*

Read Alikes–Flat Stanley

Stink by Megan McDonald

Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes by Patrick Jennings

From Russia With Lunch by Bruce Hale

Discussion Questions: Flat Stanley

1. What kinds of things would you do if you were flat?
2. What are the bad things about being flat? What are the good things?
3. What city/place would you be mailed to if you were flat?
4. How could you be helpful if you were flat (like when Stanley helped the police)?
5. What are some of the lessons that Stanley learned in the book? Discuss a situation where you have learned your lesson from an experience.
6. Think about how the story ends, with Arthur pumping Stanley up with a bike pump. Can you think of a different ending? What else could Arthur have used to help Stanley return to his normal size? What would have happened if Stanley had remained flat?

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions can be applied to any book. You can tweak the questions for your specific book. They can be cut into strips and passed around in a basket to help facilitate discussion.

My favorite part of the book was...

A better title for this book would be...because...

(Name of character) reminds me of myself because...

My least favorite character was...because...

If I were (name of character, -----) I would (wouldn't) have...

(Name of character) reminds me of someone I know because...

I changed my mind about...because...

I would (wouldn't) like to read another book by this author because...

This book made me think...When I finished this book, I still wondered...

This book reminded me of...

I'd like to tell the author...

What happened in this book was very realistic (unrealistic) because...

This book was better (worse) than the movie version because...

When I started reading his book, I thought...

I didn't like...because...

This book made me realize...

If I could talk to (name of character), I would say...

One thing I have noticed about the author's style is...

If I could be any character in the book I would be...because...

I was surprised when...

I think the main thing the writer was trying to say was...

The most important thing about this book is...

I predicted that...

I think the writer must be ...because...

I would change the ending...

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR FLAT STANLEY

- 1) Read the picture book version of Flat Stanley (included with this kit). Compare and contrast the chapter book with the picture book version.
- 2) Copy the picture of Flat Stanley on the following page for each book club member. Each child can color the picture, cut it out, and send it on a 'trip' in an envelope. Each child can mail it to a family member or friend in another city or state, asking them to take pictures of him in different places. The friend or family member could then send Stanley back, along with the photographs they have taken.
- 3) Visit the following websites to see what others have done with Flat Stanley.

<http://www.flatstanleyproject.com/>

[http://www.proteacher.org/c/334 Flat Stanley Project.html](http://www.proteacher.org/c/334_Flat_St Stanley_Project.html)

<http://flatstanleybooks.com/>