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★ STARRING ★
TRACY BEAKER



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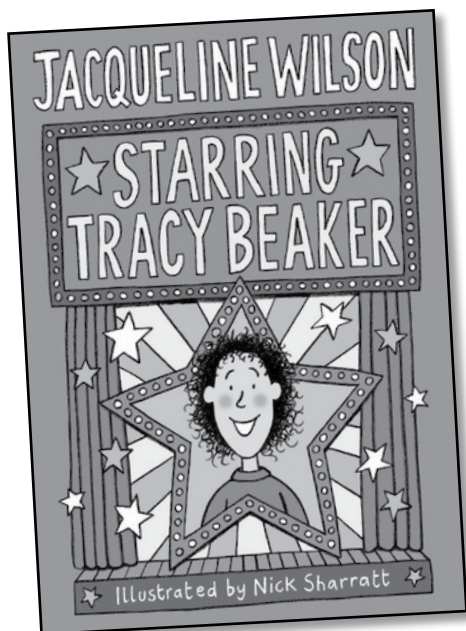
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Author	Jacqueline Wilson
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Using this book in your classroom

Quick summary

In this funny and thought-provoking addition to the highly popular Tracy Beaker series, Tracy is very excited when she gets picked for a starring role in the school's production of A Christmas Carol – as Scrooge! The one thing Tracy desperately wants is for her mum to come and watch the performance. Tracy tries everything she can think of to persuade her mum to turn up – but will it work? For a moment it looks as if disaster will strike Tracy's acting career, but in the end her performance is a triumph.

In this story Tracy discovers that although her mum may not be the most reliable person in the world, lots of other people in her life really do care about her – not least her would-be foster mum, Cam.

Story themes

This story explores family relationships (including relationships with foster parents), the power of love and the importance of friendship.

The story session

1. Introducing the story

Discuss what the children already know about Tracy Beaker

- Have they seen any of the TV programmes about her? Have they read any other Tracy Beaker books? Encourage children who know something about her to describe the sort of person she is, and write some of their descriptive words on the board.

2. Reading the story

- Read from the start of the story (page 7) to the bottom of page 22. Look back at the descriptive words about Tracy collected earlier – can children add other words and phrases based on the picture of Tracy they now have from the book?

- Together, choose the five best words and phrases to describe Tracy.
- Do the children think Tracy would make a good Scrooge? Why, or why not?

3. Follow-up

- Ask children what they think will happen in the rest of the story. Share their ideas.
- Children could write a letter from Tracy to her mum, telling her about the play.

Did You Know?

- In a recent Mori poll, Jacqueline Wilson was voted British children's favourite author.
- Four of Jacqueline's books appeared in the BBC's list of the nation's top 100 books, The Big Read.



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