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## ***The Other Brother* written and illustrated by Stephanie Thatcher**

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Bertie McQuerty is neither as sporty, as arty, or as clever as his three brothers. He wants to be brilliant too, and attempts to emulate each of them, but he fails at each turn and becomes despondent.

This full colour picture book deals with the age-old problem of siblings being compared to each other, in this case by teachers, although it can be relatives or neighbours.

The illustrations are full of action and add to the simple story line, with excellent facial expressions on the pigs, kittens, and chicken who populate this book

*"One of the brilliant McQuerty brothers," said the teacher. "Which one are you? The sporty brother?"*

*"NO."*

*"The arty brother?"*

*"NO."*

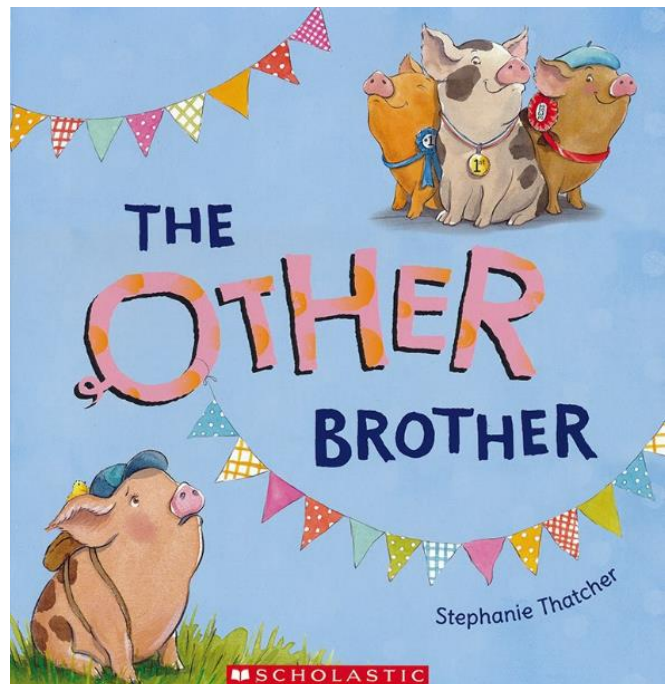
*"The clever brother?"*

*"No."*

*"No, I didn't think so. Hmmm, well then, you must be the **kind** brother."*

And so it was that Bertie came to realise there were other qualities which people noticed and valued. His helpfulness to others made him at least equal to his brothers, Billy, Bobby and Barry.

*The Other Brother* is recommended as a read-aloud book for 3-7 year olds.



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