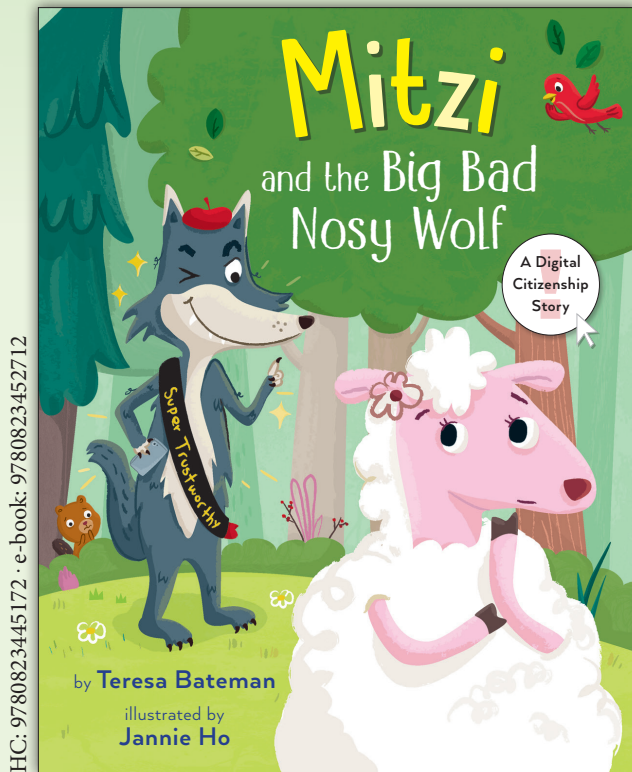


# HOLIDAY HOUSE EDUCATOR'S GUIDE



## *Mitzi* *and the Big Bad Nosy Wolf*

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### ABOUT THE BOOK

A clever lamb outsmarts a nosy wolf in this humorous fable about digital citizenship and internet privacy for young children.

Mitzi knows to keep personal information private, but when a furry stranger named *Rolf* starts asking Mitzi questions about her name, where she lives, where her mom and dad work, and more, the clever Mitzi quickly devises a strategy to dispatch the nosy wolf using her dance skills!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Study the cover of the book. What type of animal is Mitzi? Point out the “Big Bad Nosy Wolf.” The wolf is wearing a banner that says “Super Trustworthy.” Discuss the meaning of “trustworthy.” How can the wolf be bad *and* trustworthy? How is the banner a clue that he is about to do something bad?
- Look closely at the end pages. Why is the wolf hiding? Discuss why he is hiding if he is “trustworthy.” Name all of the other animals in the illustration. Debate whether the other animals know the wolf is waiting for Mitzi. Follow these animals throughout the book and note their reactions as the story unfolds.



- Discuss the rules that Mitzi's parents expect her to follow. How are these good rules for all children to follow? Mitzi tries to follow her parents' rule about always taking a friend with her when she goes to the meadow. What causes her to break the rule? How does going to the meadow alone put Mitzi in danger?
- Explain the meaning of "nosy." In what ways is the wolf nosy? How is being nosy part of his act?
- What does "private" mean? Why is it important to keep your name private when alone and talking with strangers? At what point does Mitzi realize she may be in danger? Name other things Mitzi remembers to keep private when she is dealing with the wolf.
- How does Mitzi use her talent for dancing to outsmart the wolf? Study the illustrations on p. 19-21. Explain why Mitzi suggests that they begin with the Charleston and the cancan.
- Explain how Mitzi finally gets away from the Big Bad Wolf. How should Mitzi's encounter with the wolf be a warning to children?
- Study the words in the glossary. Discuss the term "digital citizenship." How do Mitzi's parents' rules about privacy apply to using the internet?
- Discuss the "Grandma Rule" (p. 33). Name all the things that should apply to this rule.

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