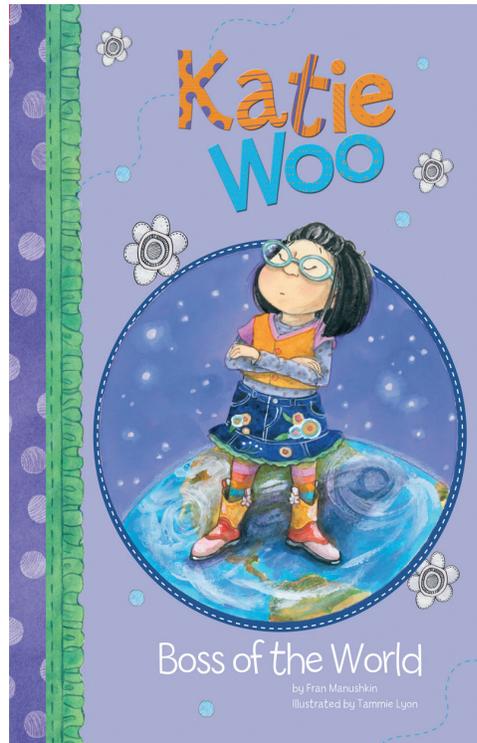




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READER'S THEATER



Boss of the World by Fran Manushkin

Characters: **Narrator - reads above grade level**
 Katie - reads at grade level
 Pedro - reads below grade level
 JoJo - struggling reader

Genre: **Realistic Fiction**

Ages: **5-7**

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Narrator: Katie Woo and her friends took a trip to the beach.

Katie: Let's do everything together! We'll have so much fun!

Pedro: Let's build the biggest sand castle in the world!

Katie: You two carry the water for me. I will build the castle.

JoJo: That's not fun!

Katie: I think it is.

Narrator: When the castle was finished, it wasn't very big, and it kept falling down.

Katie: What a rotten castle!

Narrator: Later that day, at lunchtime, Katie was starving.

Katie: I'm so hungry, I could eat an elephant!

Pedro and JoJo: Me too!

Narrator: They passed French fries around, but Katie ate most of them. JoJo and Pedro had only three fries each.

Pedro: I'm still hungry.

Katie: I'm not!

Narrator: After lunch, Katie wanted to relax.

Katie: Let's lie on the blanket. We can watch the clouds and kites flying by.

Narrator: But Katie hogged all the space.

Pedro: Katie, move over! You are taking up all of the blanket!

Katie: It's my blanket!

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Narrator: Katie did not move one inch. Pedro and JoJo had to lie on the itchy sand.

Pedro: Let's go over to the playground. There are big swings there.

Narrator: The three friends raced each other. Katie got there first and grabbed the only empty swing. JoJo and Pedro watched her swinging for a while. Then they walked away.

Katie: What's wrong with them?

Narrator: She ran after her friends.

Katie: Let's look for seashells!

Narrator: The three friends took off their shoes. They walked barefoot along the shore. The waves tickled their toes.

Pedro: I see a giant shell!

Narrator: He began running. But he tripped over some driftwood and fell down. Katie grabbed the seashell.

JoJo: Hey, that's not fair! Pedro saw the giant shell first.

Katie: Finders keepers!

Narrator: JoJo and Pedro made faces and walked away. Katie grabbed her beach ball and began tossing it around, but it wasn't any fun. Just then, JoJo and Pedro and JoJo's dad began swimming and splashing around in the waves. Katie ran over to them.

Katie: I want to swim too!

JoJo: No! You can't! The sea belongs to us!

Narrator: Katie laughed.

Katie: That's silly. The sea can't belong to you.

Pedro: And all the French fries don't belong to you!

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JoJo: And all the seashells!

Pedro: And the blankets and the swings!

Katie: Uh-oh! I think I have been a meanie.

Pedro and JoJo: For sure!

Katie: I'm sorry! I won't be a meanie anymore. Is it okay if I share the sea with you?

Pedro and JoJo: Yes!

Narrator: And there were plenty of waves for everyone!

Katie Woo learned her lesson! Now she knows it isn't nice to be bossy. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know was too bossy? To read more about Katie Woo, her friends, and all of her adventures, pick up the rest of the Katie Woo books from Picture Window Fiction.

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