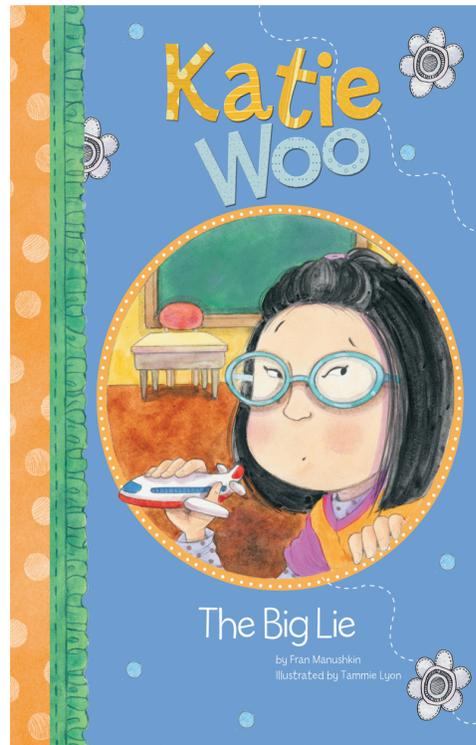




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READER'S THEATER



The Big Lie by Fran Manushkin

Characters: **Narrator**
Miss Winkle
Jake
Katie
JoJo

Genre: **Realistic Fiction**

Ages: **5-7**

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Narrator: One day after recess, Miss Winkle made an announcement to her class.

Miss Winkle: Jake has lost his toy airplane. Has anybody found it?

Narrator: Katie Woo shook her head no. So did her friends Pedro and JoJo and everyone else.

Jake: My father gave me the airplane yesterday. It was a birthday present.

Narrator: Jake sounded very sad.

Katie: Maybe your plane flew away.

Miss Winkle: That is not funny.

JoJo: I saw you playing with your plane at recess. It's so neat! I hope you find it!

Narrator: Miss Winkle asked one more time.

Miss Winkle: Does anyone know where Jake's airplane is?

Katie: I don't know.

Narrator: But Katie was lying. Earlier that day during recess, Katie saw Jake running around with his airplane and thought to herself...

Katie: I want to do that! I wish that plane was mine!

Narrator: When recess was almost over, three fire trucks sped by. While everyone was watching them and waving to the firefighters, Katie grabbed Jake's plane. She put it in her pocket. Now Jake's plane was inside Katie's desk.

Katie: I can't wait to play with it when I go home!
(whispering)

Narrator: During art class, Katie thought of excuses for Jake's missing plane.

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Katie: Maybe a kangaroo hopped over and put the airplane in her pouch.

Miss Winkle: I don't think so. There are no kangaroos around here.

Narrator: During spelling, Katie had more excuses.

Katie: Maybe the garbage man came and took Jake's plane.

JoJo: No way! I didn't see any garbage trucks.

Narrator: Jake kept staring at the empty box that his airplane came in. The birthday ribbon was still on the box. Jake looked like he was going to cry. Katie didn't feel happy either.

Katie:
(quietly) This is terrible! Jake looks so upset!

Narrator: When nobody was looking, she took Jake's plane out of her desk and put it into her pocket. Then she walked to the window and used the pencil sharpener.

Katie: I see Jake's plane. It's by the window! It must have flown in during recess!

Narrator: Katie handed Jake his plane. Then she whispered to him.

Katie: That was a lie, Jake. I took your plane, and I am very sorry.

Narrator: At first Jake was angry at Katie. Then he forgave her.

Jake: I am glad you gave it back. I feel a lot better now.

Katie: I do too!

Narrator: And that was the truth.

Katie Woo learned that telling lies can hurt people's feelings. Have you ever told a lie? Has anyone ever lied to you? 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.