The Ricker Racker Club
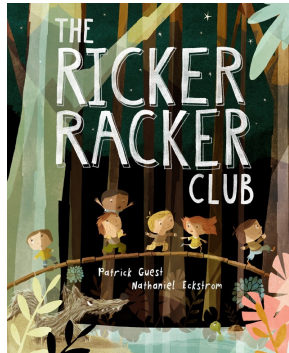
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To be in the Ricker Racker Club you have to be brave. You have to be kind. You have to not be a girl ... but some people are better than others at being both kind and brave. Patrick Guest and Nathaniel Eckstrom tell us who and why and how in this lively story about silly rules and even sillier situations.

Themes:
- Silly rules
- Being kind
- Being brave
- Clubs

Discussion Points:
- When you first looked at the cover, what did you think the story might be about?
- What is a 'club'? Can you name 10 different ones that you know?
- Have you ever made up your own club? If so, what was it called and what rules did you have in place?
- Why do clubs have 'rules'? Are they important for the running of a club? Explain.
- Can you think of some rules in everyday life? Why do you think the rules are in place?
- The Ricker Racker Club had its own rules. Can you remember what they were?
- Do you think they were all fair? If not, which ones do you think were unfair and why?
- What characteristics did Poppy show?
- Do you think that she was kinder and braver than the boys throughout the story? Explain.
- Can you recall all the things that the boys did? Were these acts of bravery, kindness or both?
- Could you ever imagine doing any of these things adventurous things that the boys did?
- Why did the boys attitude to Poppy change? How did they show their appreciation to her?

Activities:
- As a class, make up your own 'club'. Think up a name and a theme for your club, what you want your club to achieve, activities that you plan on doing, make up a club dance and secret handshake and compile a set of 'fair' rules. Display your list of rules in the classroom.
- As a class, compile a list of things that show bravery and a list of ways that you can be kind to others. Think of as many different scenarios as possible.