

Happy Russel

A children's book illustrated and written by Trevor Alcorn



Mr. Stephens is getting ready for another day with his favorite class. Today he is excited to introduce the class to something new.



Our main character Max, a playful and joyous young man, is excited to hear the news.

Mr. Stephens announces that a very special new student will be joining the class today. Max loves making new friends. "Now, our new student Russel might not look the same as the rest of you, but we want him all to feel welcome and treat him just the same as you would anyone else. Everyone, please welcome Russel!" Mr. Stephens opens the door and lets in the new student.



The class seems uncomfortable in sight of his appearance, but Max is confused. Nothing seems wrong with Russel to him at all.

"Russel, welcome to the class. Feel free to sit anywhere you'd like." Russel walks to the table across from Max, and sits in the seat facing him. Max gives a friendly wave, Russel just smiles. Mr. Stephens says, "Wow, Russel, I must say, your smile is very delighting!" Russel keeps looking at Max, who has noticed but begun to look back at the front of the class.

Mr. Stephens goes back to his casual teaching of the class. Max tries to pay attention, but something draws him back to look at Russel. He is still smiling.



Max does not like making new friends anymore.

The next morning, Russel comes to class. "Good morning, Max!" Mr. Stephens says.

