

Celebrating unlikely friendship,
the power of sharing stories,
and doing the right thing.



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Use these discussion questions in your classroom
to engage more deeply with this story.

ORRIS AND TIMBLE: The Beginning

- At the beginning of the book, you read, “The old barn was abandoned. Only Orris lived there.” What does that tell you about Orris? What does that mean about the trap Timble is caught in?
- What do you think made Orris decide to help Timble? Do you think in his place you would make that choice? Why or why not?
- Do you think Orris is really surprised that Timble doesn’t say thank you? Why might he not have? What do you think Orris thought before Timble returned with the Top-Notch Butterscotch? What did he think after?
- Have you had a time in your life when you made a good and noble choice? What might that feel like? Would it be easy or hard? Why?
- Do you know the story of the lion and the mouse? From the little you learn from Orris, could you retell it? What do you think might happen next to the lion and mouse?
- What does the title *Orris and Timble: The Beginning* make you think? What do you think might happen next to Orris and Timble?

