

## Family Reading Guide for: *The Little Blue Bridge* by Brenda Maier, Illustrated by Sonia Sanchez

Below are some comments and questions to use when you share this book with your child. Pick a few that interest you and maybe add some of your own! The idea is to enjoy sharing the book with your child and talking about it as you read.

***Explore the story together, talk about it, and most of all, have FUN!***

**Note:** Page number 1 is the first page of the story with writing. Before they first share the book with their child, some people like to put small numbered sticky notes or *very* light pencil markings in the book to tell them what page they are on. It does make it easier to use these questions!

**The first page of this book begins with the words Ruby's mind was always full of ideas.**

Page	Question
Front & back cover	What do you notice about this cover?
1	Who do you know whose mind is always full of ideas? Is it you?
9	Does Santiago seem like someone fun to be friends with? Why?
12	Let's say it together. "I'm the boss and you can't cross...unless you give me a snack."
18-19	Did Ruby give up when Santiago said she couldn't cross his bridge without a snack? What did she start to do?
21	Do you like to build?
22	What is happening between Ruby and Santiago? Do you notice any bullying? I wonder what has happened to make that change.
23	Ruby is delighted. What other emotions do you think she is feeling?
25	What has changed about Santiago during this story? Why do you think that happened?
29	It says Ruby stood like a stone. Can you show me how you would stand like a stone?
31-33	How do you think the boys are feeling about picking berries and making a pie? How can you tell?
35	Who solved the crossing-the-creek problem? How do you think that person is feeling?
38	What is happening in this picture? I wonder who all these people are.