

## **THE BOY WITH BIG DECISIONS - *Helen Rutter***

A story where *you* choose the next move,  
As you make the decisions for Fred,  
Which bus should he board to go to school?  
You're the voice inside the boy's head!

Whatever you tell Fred to do, he'll do,  
With outcomes for right or wrong,  
Browtree or Gains? Rupert? Or Marco?  
Your choice makes him weak or strong...

Will Fred challenge Callum or join his gang?  
Should he sit with the Naughty Kid?  
Basketball or Art? Trash the room with paint?  
Will you be glad he did what he did?

Cos in this book, you're Fred and he's you,  
And there are questions we all have to face:  
An apple or orange? The big WHAT IF...?  
Your decision could lead to a place

That's risky and scary and lonely and bad,  
Where you'll become a serial liar,  
And lose yourself in a frenzy of fibs —  
What would you do if your school was on fire??

Fred makes us consider how we behave,  
And the kind of people we are,  
If life is a bus ride, which bus will you catch?  
Or will you always travel by car?

We all have decision maps in our minds,  
But should we do what we always do?  
Or shall we draw dreams and choose new paths  
That help us feel free and true?

We answer these questions every day:  
WHEN? WHERE? WHO? WHAT? WHY?  
But getting things wrong can be OK,  
And decisions don't have to terrify.

It's what you do next that really matters,  
Just keep that thought in your head,  
And when you next have a choice to make,  
Remember the endings for Fred!