**Norman Didn’t Do It! (Yes, He Did.)**
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**Synopsis:** Norman, a porcupine whose best friend is a tree named Mildred, begins to feel jealous when another tree grows close to Mildred and acts out against the tree new.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Most of these dates fall outside the reading calendar. National Friendship Day: July 30th, Porcupine Appreciation Day is July 2nd, Love a Tree Day is May 16th, Arbor Day is April 29th. The beginning of the year might be an ideal opportunity in providing a foundation in building friendships.

**Activity Descriptions:**
- Have a discussion regarding jealousy. Have students discuss where they have felt jealous toward a friend, classmate, or relative. Discuss strategies of how students can overcome feeling jealous.
- Have students draw a picture of a time that they felt jealous and how they overcame their feelings of jealously.
- Story map the story as a class including characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- Compare and Contrast character traits of Norman the porcupine from *Norman Didn’t Do It! (Yes, He Did.)* and Bruce the bear from *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins.

**Related Websites:**
- Activity Pages: [https://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2021/03/NormanDidntDoIt-ActShts-2753-FINAL.pdf](https://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2021/03/NormanDidntDoIt-ActShts-2753-FINAL.pdf)
- YouTube Interview with Kim Carson: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEfReD7DpL0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEfReD7DpL0)

**Text to Text Connections:**
- *I Want That Nut* by Madeline Valentine
- *Neck and Neck* by Elise Parsley
- *Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson
- *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins

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