

Five-Year-Old Ella: Flight Response

Suriya is a visitor who has permission to be in the kindergarten classroom at a public elementary school; the children have never seen her before. She starts observing the children as part of an assignment she is completing in her teacher-training program at the local university. Suriya has hair just like Ella's mother (a child in the center) who used to abuse Ella before she was removed by Child Protective Services and placed in care with her aunt and uncle. Ella starts to cry the moment Suriya enters the classroom; she runs and hides under a table and her whole body starts to shake.