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Book Review: STELLA AND THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING TOOTH

Stella is a girl with a big imagination. Stella plans to meet her friend Owen at the museum, but when Stella arrives, Owen is on the way out and tells her he lost his tooth. Stella wonders where Owen's tooth went and begins coming up with ideas of how to find it. Perhaps she could offer a reward and put up posters? Or maybe she should try to talk to the tooth fairy? Stella begins to wonder if Owen's tooth might have been stolen. Later at Owen's house, Owen explains that he just lost a baby tooth because an adult tooth is growing in its place. Stella then realizes what Owen meant when he said he "lost" a tooth.

This is a fun story about a possible misunderstanding that could occur when using the phrase "lost a tooth." Young children are often susceptible to taking words very literally, and Stella's story could be very relatable to kids. This is the second Stella story, and readers will enjoy following Stella on her imaginative adventures.

