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(PreK–Gr. 6)

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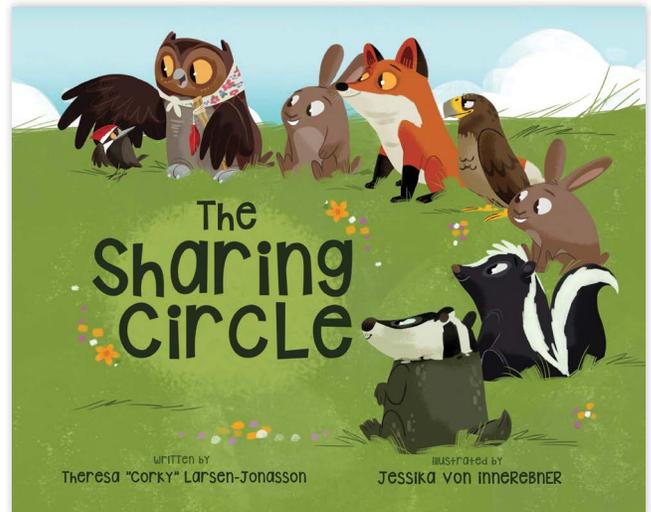


THE SHARING CIRCLE

WRITTEN BY THERESA "CORKY" LARSEN-JONASSON
ILLUSTRATED BY JESSIKA VON INNEREBNER

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES K+

This inspiring and heartfelt story introduces children to the tradition of the sharing circle. When two foxes have a fight, the whole animal community feels the tension. Guided by Kokom the Owl, the animals gather in a circle to listen, respect, and heal together. Through Indigenous teachings and vibrant illustrations, readers discover how friendship and community can be restored.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *"Have you ever had a fight with a friend? How did you make things right?"*
- ◆ Talk about respect and listening: *"In this book, the animals learn that everyone's voice matters. Have you ever felt better after someone really listened to you?"*
- ◆ Invite students to try a mini sharing circle in class before reading.
- ◆ Hold a reflection activity: *"What's one way you can show kindness to a friend today?"*
- ◆ Ask students if they know other stories or traditions that teach lessons. Have them share what they've heard.

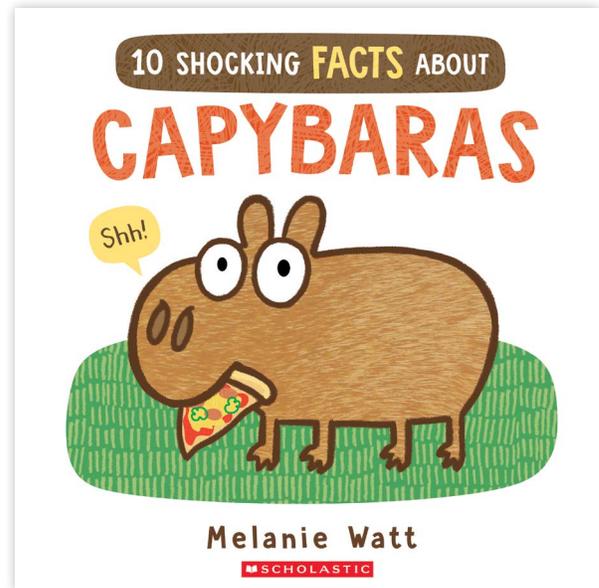
10 SHOCKING FACTS ABOUT CAPYBARAS

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY MELANIE WATT

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES PREK+



This hilarious and eye-opening non-fiction picture book dives into the world of capybaras—the largest rodents on Earth! Melanie Watt reveals ten surprising, funny, and downright shocking facts about these chill creatures, from their love of swimming to their unexpected friendships with other animals. With playful illustrations and quirky humour, readers will laugh while learning something new about these fascinating animals.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“Did you know there’s an animal that can weigh as much as a grade 4 student—and still be super cuddly? Meet the capybara!”*
- ◆ Talk about curiosity and discovery: *“This book is packed with facts you won’t believe. Have you ever learned something about an animal that totally surprised you?”*
- ◆ Invite students to guess: *“What do you think one of the shocking facts might be? Let’s see if you’re right!”*
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Draw your own capybara doing something silly—maybe wearing sunglasses or floating in a pool.”*
- ◆ Ask students if they’ve read other Melanie Watt books (like *Scaredy Squirrel*). Have them share what they liked most about her style.

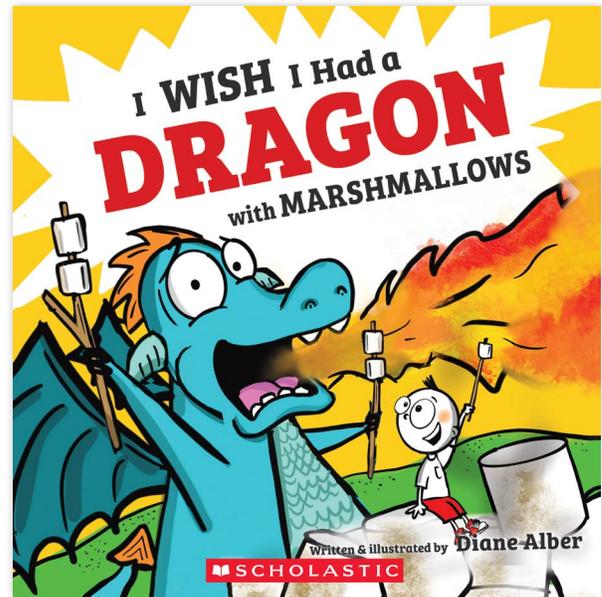
I WISH I HAD A DRAGON WITH MARSHMALLOWS

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY DIANE ALBER

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES K+

It all started when I found this super cool lizard in the backyard...

When a little boy wishes that he had marshmallows and a dragon to toast them, he couldn't have known that the wish would come true! But what happens when the dragon can't breathe fire? Will he be able to cheer him up? It's a delightful read that sparks imagination and laughter.



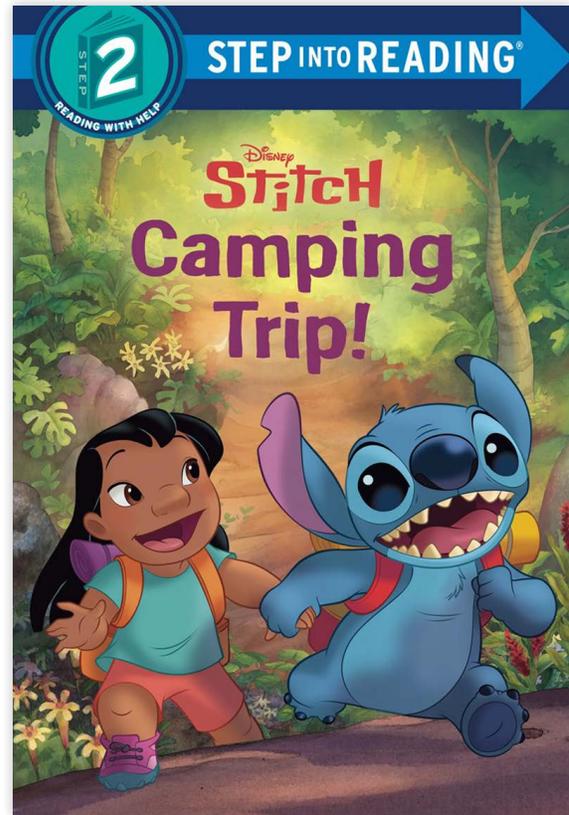
How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“What would YOU do if you had a dragon for a pet? And what if that dragon loved marshmallows?”*
- ◆ Talk about imagination: *“This book shows how fun it can be to dream up wild, silly ideas. Have you ever wished for something magical?”*
- ◆ Invite students to draw their own dragon—maybe one that loves pizza, ice cream, or another favourite snack.
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s vote—what’s the best snack for a dragon? Marshmallows, popcorn, or something else?”*

DISNEY STITCH: CAMPING TRIP!

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES K+

This fun and adventurous story follows Stitch as he heads out on a camping trip! With his usual mischief and curiosity, Stitch discovers the joys (and challenges) of the great outdoors like setting up camp, exploring nature, and finding creative ways to make the trip unforgettable. Packed with humour, heart, and Disney magic, this tale shows that even camping can be an adventure when Stitch is involved.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“What’s the funniest thing you think could happen if Stitch went camping with you?”*
- ◆ Talk about adventure and teamwork: *“Camping is about exploring, working together, and sometimes solving problems. Have you ever been camping or wanted to try it?”*
- ◆ Invite students to share what they’d pack if they went camping with Stitch.
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s design our own silly camping gear: maybe a marshmallow launcher or a tent with rocket boosters!”*

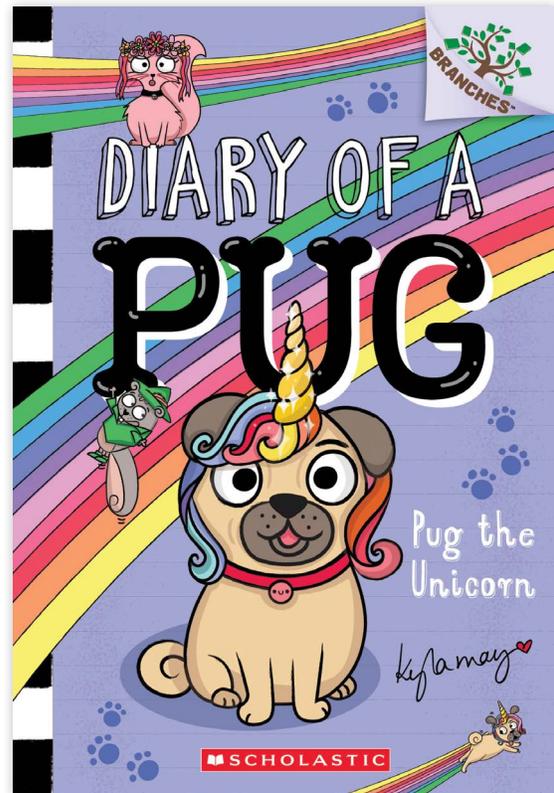
DIARY OF A PUG #14: PUG THE UNICORN

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY KYLA MAY

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 1+



When Bub decides to become a unicorn, things get silly, sparkly, and full of surprises. With doodle-style illustrations, diary entries, and plenty of humour, readers will love seeing how Bub's imagination turns everyday life into something extraordinary.



How to Booktalk this title:

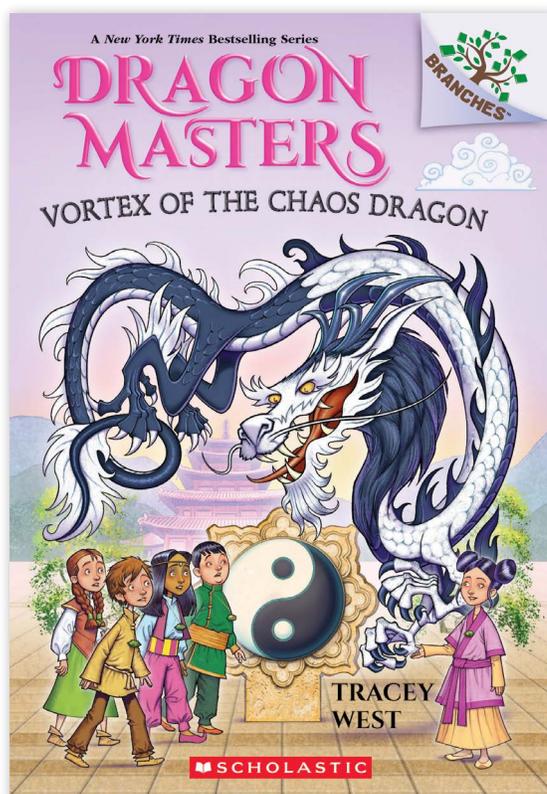
- ◆ Ask students: *“What if your pet suddenly decided it wanted to be a unicorn? That’s exactly what happens here!”* Talk about imagination and creativity: *“Bub shows us that you can be anything you dream of, even a unicorn!”*
- ◆ Invite students to draw their own “pug-icorn” or another animal turned into a magical creature.
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s vote—what’s the funniest animal to turn into a unicorn? A hamster? A giraffe? A goldfish?”*
- ◆ Ask students if they’ve read other Diary of a Pug books. Have them share which one made them laugh the most.

DRAGON MASTERS #30: VORTEX OF THE CHAOS DRAGON

WRITTEN BY TRACEY WEST
ILLUSTRATED BY GRAHAM HOWELLS
RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 1+



In this thrilling new installment, the team faces one of their most dangerous challenges yet, Vortex, the Chaos Dragon! Readers will be swept into a story of courage, teamwork, and the power of friendship as the Dragon Masters must work together to stop chaos from spreading across the land.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“What would you do if you had to face a dragon made of pure chaos?”*
- ◆ Talk about teamwork and bravery: *“The Dragon Masters know they can’t win alone so they must trust each other. Have you ever had to work with friends to solve a big problem?”*
- ◆ Invite students to imagine their own dragon: *“If you could design a dragon, would it be made of fire, ice, or something wild like slime?”*
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s create our own ‘chaos dragon powers’, what crazy abilities would your dragon have?”*

DIARY OF A ROBLOX PRO #10: SOCCER SIMULATOR

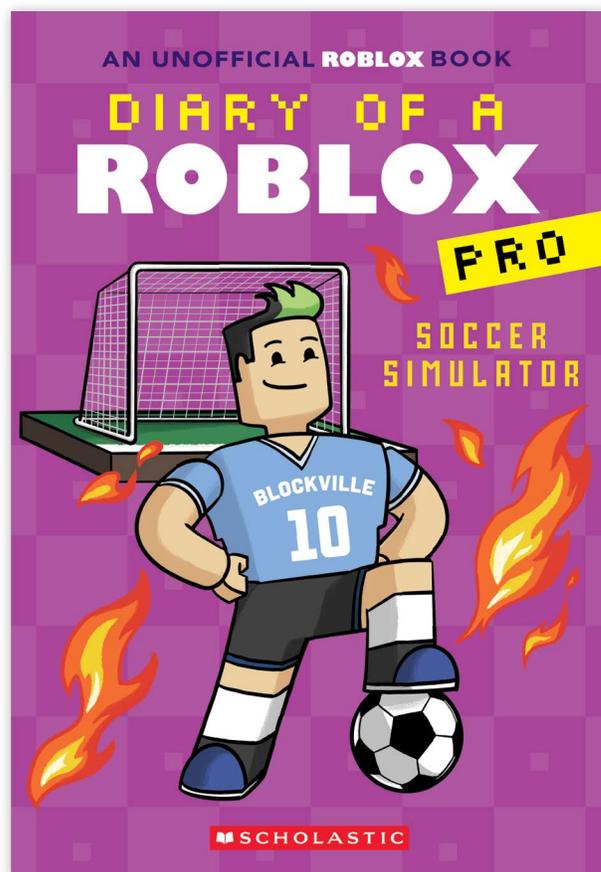
WRITTEN BY ARI AVATAR

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 2+



In the latest book, our gamer hero dives into the world of Soccer Simulator! From training drills to epic matches, the story blends humour, gaming excitement, and sports challenges. With diary-style entries and fun illustrations, readers will cheer as the Roblox pro learns teamwork, perseverance, and the thrill of scoring the winning goal.

Not an official Roblox book.



How to Booktalk this title:

◆ Ask students: *“What if you could step inside Roblox and play soccer for real? That’s what happens here!”* Talk about teamwork and practice: *“Soccer isn’t just about scoring goals, it’s about working together. Have you ever been on a team?”*

- ◆ Invite students to share their favourite Roblox games and imagine what it would be like to play them in real life.
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s do a quick ‘goal celebration’ contest, what’s the funniest dance you’d do after scoring?”*

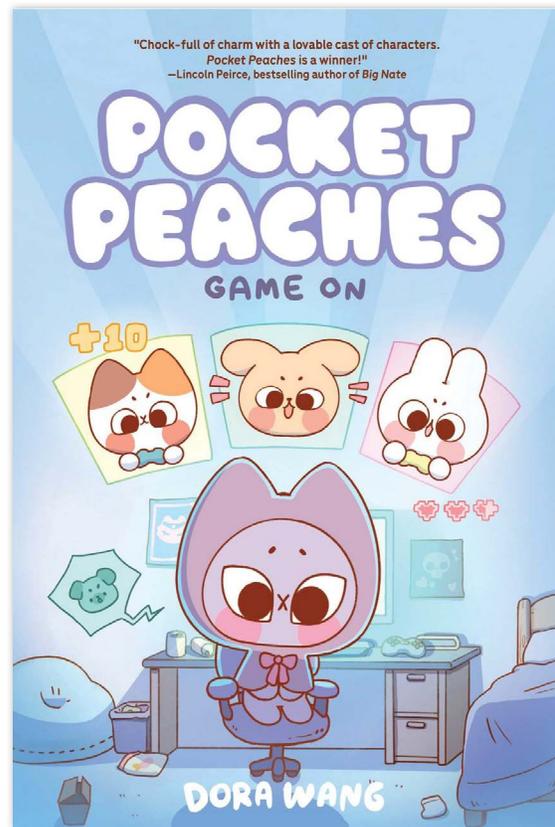
POCKET PEACHES #3: GAME ON

WRITTEN BY DORA WANG

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 2+



In this third book of the Pocket Peaches series, the crew faces a new challenge: a big game! With humour, teamwork, and plenty of surprises, the Peaches discover that winning isn't just about the score, it's about supporting each other, trying your best, and having fun along the way.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“What’s the most exciting game you’ve ever played with friends? Imagine if the Peaches were on your team!”*
- ◆ Talk about teamwork and perseverance: *“The Peaches learn that cheering each other on is just as important as winning.”*
- ◆ Invite students to share their favourite games: video games, board games, or sports, and what makes them fun.

WINGS OF FIRE: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL #9: TALONS OF POWER

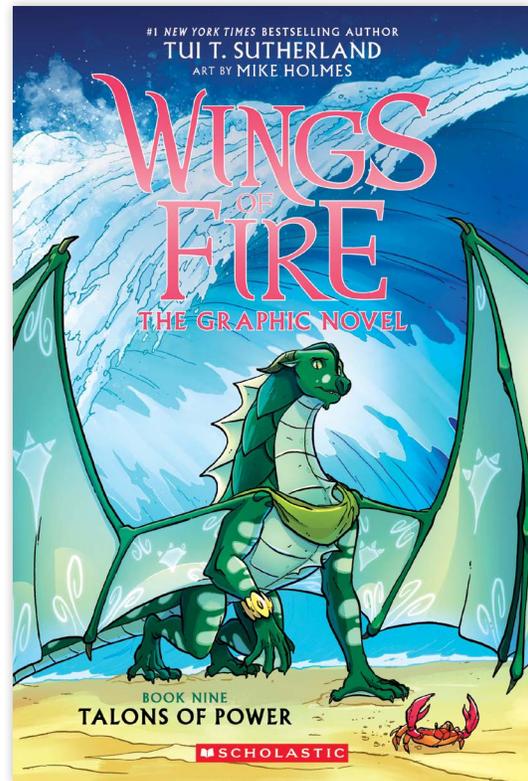
WRITTEN BY TUI T. SUTHERLAND

ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE HOLMES

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4+



The spotlight falls on Turtle, a young dragon with secret animus powers. As Darkstalker rises and threatens to reshape the world, Turtle must decide whether to hide in the shadows or step forward with courage.



How to Booktalk this title:

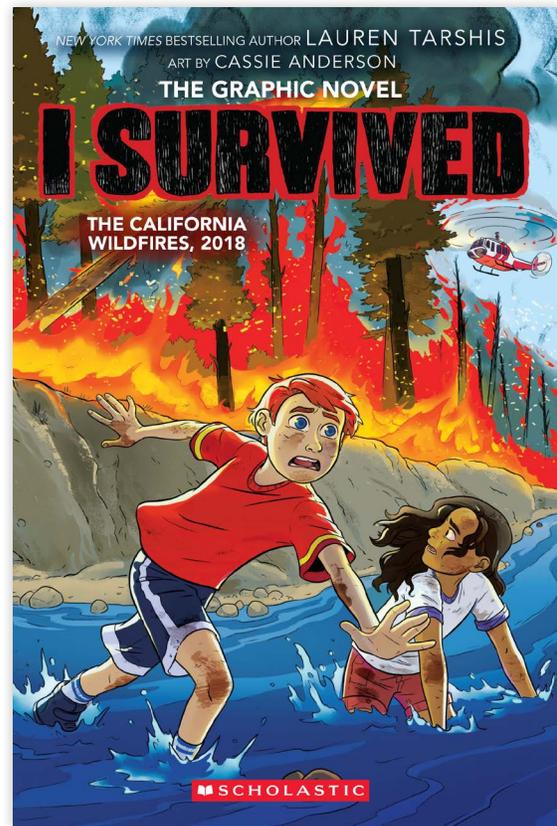
- ◆ Ask students: *“What would you do if you had the power to make anything you imagine come true?”*
- ◆ Talk about courage and responsibility: *“Turtle learns that sometimes the hardest choice is whether to use your gifts, or keep them hidden.”*
- ◆ Invite students to imagine their own animus power: *“If you could enchant one object, what would it be and why?”*
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s design our own dragon scale patterns: fiery reds, icy blues, or chaotic swirls like Vortex!”*

I SURVIVED THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES, 2018: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

WRITTEN BY LAUREN TARSHIS
RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4+

Readers follow a young boy named Josh as he faces the terrifying reality of the California wildfires. When flames race toward his neighbourhood, Josh must summon courage, quick thinking, and hope to survive. This book puts readers right in the middle of a real-life disaster while showing the strength of family and resilience in the face of danger.

Contains some mature content.



How to Booktalk this title:

◆ Ask students: *“What would you do if a wildfire was heading straight toward your home?”* Talk about courage and survival: *“Josh learns that even kids can be brave when faced with emergencies.”*

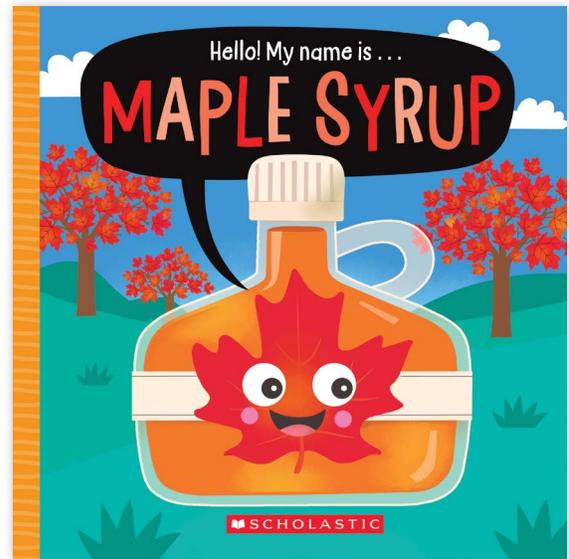
- ◆ Invite students to imagine: *“If you had to pack one backpack in an emergency, what would you put inside?”*
- ◆ Hold a quick activity: *“Let’s make a survival plan, what three things would help you stay safe?”*

HELLO! MY NAME IS.. MAPLE SYRUP

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES PREK+



This non-fiction picture book introduces kids to the story of maple syrup, from tree to table! With playful text and engaging illustrations, readers learn how sap is collected, boiled, and transformed into the delicious syrup we love on pancakes. It's a fun way to explore nature, traditions, and the science behind one of Canada's most iconic treats.



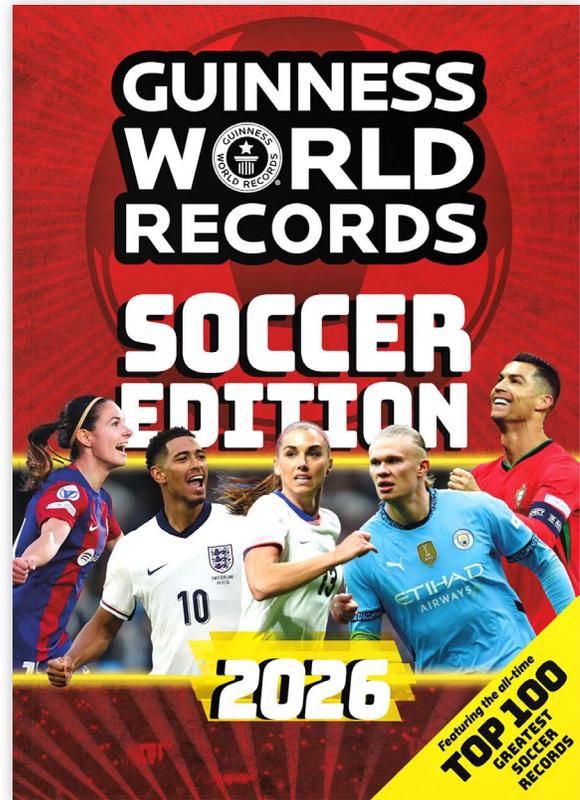
How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“Have you ever poured maple syrup on pancakes or waffles? Do you know where it comes from?”* Talk about discovery and tradition: *“This book shows how maple syrup is made, step by step, and why it’s so special.”*
- ◆ Invite students to imagine: *“If you could invent a new syrup flavor, what would it be: chocolate, strawberry, or something wild like oreos?”*
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s draw our own maple trees and imagine what magical syrups might flow from them.”*
- ◆ Ask students if they’ve ever visited a sugar shack or seen maple syrup being made. Have them share what they remember.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® SOCCER EDITION 2026

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 3+

This book is packed with jaw-dropping soccer records from around the world! From the fastest goals to the longest winning streaks, the biggest stadiums to the most legendary players, the *Guinness World Records® Soccer Edition 2026* brings the thrill of the game to life. With amazing photos, fun facts, and unbelievable achievements, readers will be amazed at what athletes can do on the field.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“What’s the most amazing soccer trick or goal you’ve ever seen? Imagine it being a world record!”* Talk about inspiration: *“This book shows how players push themselves to break records. Have you ever tried to beat your own record at something?”*
- ◆ Invite students to guess: *“Who do you think holds the record for the most goals in a single game? Let’s find out!”*
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s create our own classroom soccer challenges: fastest dribble, longest kick, or funniest goal celebration.”*
- ◆ Ask students if they follow soccer teams or players. Have them share their favourite and what makes them exciting to watch.

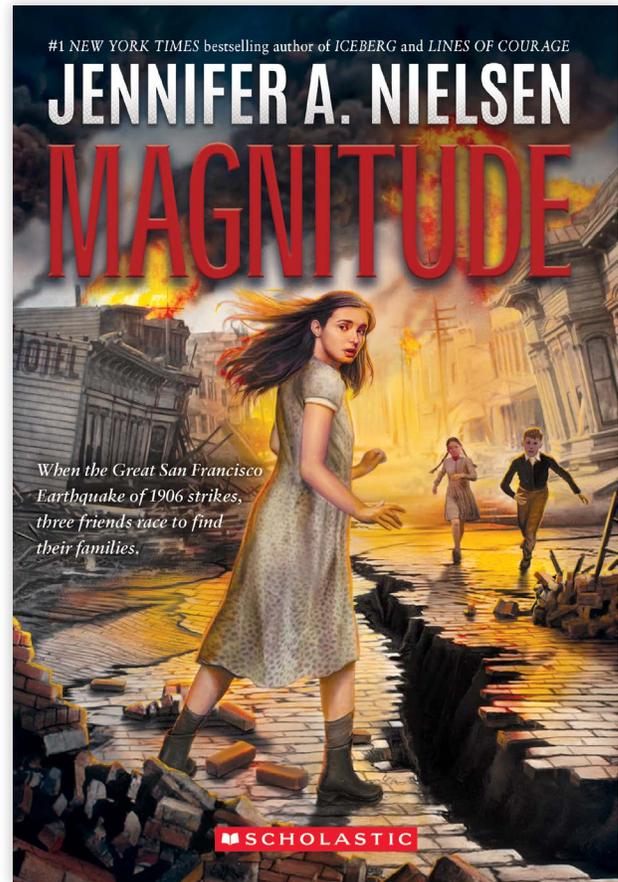
MAGNITUDE

WRITTEN BY JENNIFER A. NIELSEN

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4+

This survival story is set against the backdrop of a devastating earthquake. When the ground shakes and buildings crumble, two kids must rely on courage, quick thinking, and each other to make it through the chaos.

Contains some mature content.



How to Booktalk this title:

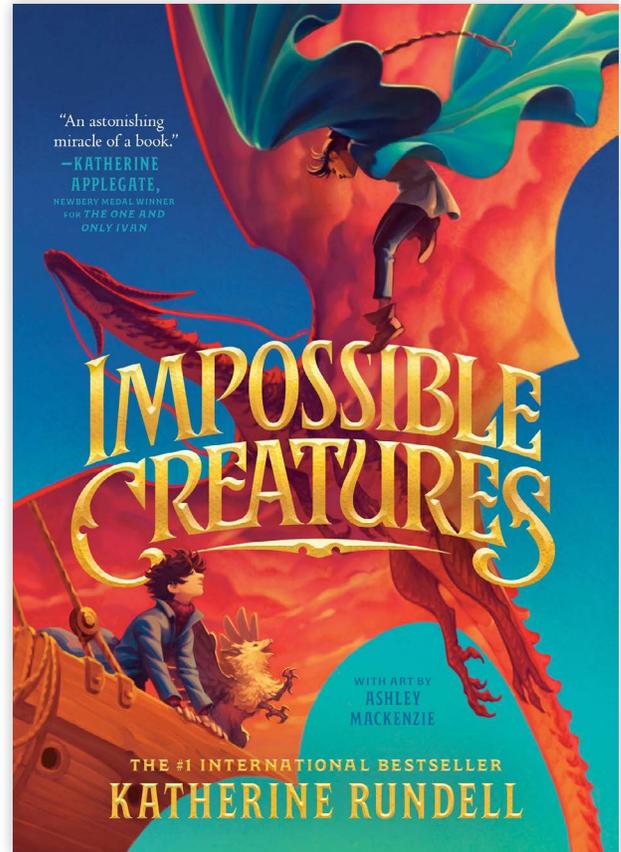
- ◆ Ask students: "What would you do if the ground suddenly started shaking beneath your feet?" Talk about courage and survival: "This book shows how ordinary kids can be heroes when faced with extraordinary challenges."
- ◆ Invite students to imagine: "If you had to grab one thing during an emergency, what would it be?"
- ◆ Hold a quick activity: "Let's create a mini survival plan, what three things would help you stay safe in an earthquake?"

IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES

WRITTEN BY KATHERINE RUNDELL
ILLUSTRATED BY ASHLEY MACKENZIE

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4+

From griffins to centaurs, this magical world is bursting with wonder—but it's also in danger. When a boy named Christopher discovers the islands, he's pulled into an epic adventure alongside Mal, a brave girl determined to protect the creatures. Readers will be swept into a story of courage, friendship, and the fight to save a world of impossible beings.



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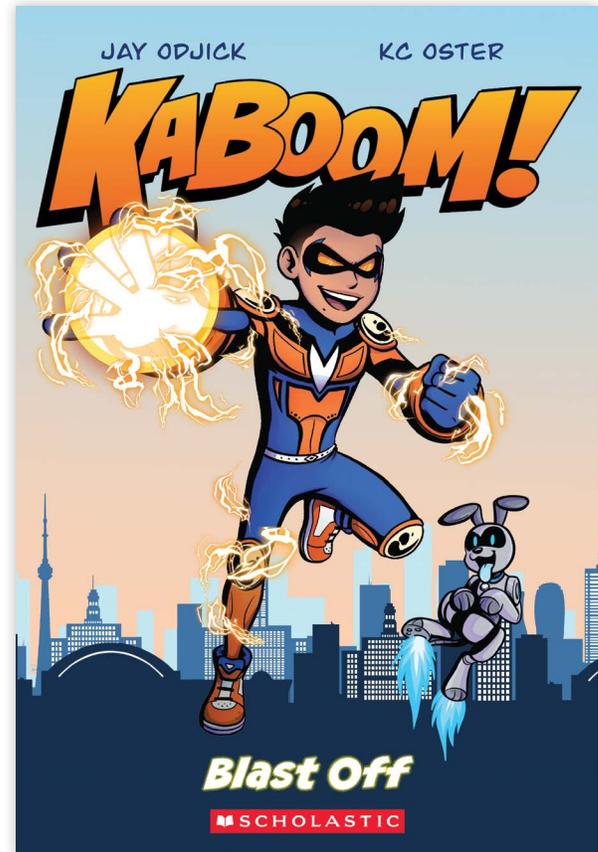
- ◆ Ask students: *“What mythical creature would you most want to meet, a unicorn, a dragon, or something even stranger?”* Talk about imagination and adventure: *“This book shows us a secret world where impossible creatures are real. What would you do if you discovered it?”*
- ◆ Invite students to design their own impossible creature, mixing animals together or inventing something brand new.
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s vote: what’s the most powerful impossible creature: a griffin, a phoenix, or a sea serpent?”*
- ◆ Ask students if they’ve read other fantasy adventures. Have them share which magical world they’d most like to visit.

KABOOM! VOLUME 1: BLAST OFF

WRITTEN BY JAY ODJICK
ILLUSTRATED BY KC OSTER

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4+

Readers are launched into a high-energy graphic novel adventure! This story introduces a team of kids who discover explosive powers and must learn to use them responsibly. Packed with humour, action, and heart, it's the start of an exciting new series that blends superhero fun with friendship and teamwork.



How to Booktalk this title:

- ◆ Ask students: *“What would you do if you suddenly had explosive superpowers?”* Talk about responsibility and teamwork: *“The Kaboom crew learns that powers are fun, but they’re even stronger when used together.”*
- ◆ Invite students to imagine their own superhero identity, what powers would they have, and what would their costume look like?
- ◆ Hold a fun activity: *“Let’s design our own comic panel showing a brand-new Kaboom adventure.”*
- ◆ Ask students if they’ve read other graphic novels. Have them share which superhero or character they’d most want to team up with.