

Because I Stubbed My Toe

Shawn Byous
Capstone Press, 2014
32 pages

SUMMARY:

Have you ever had “one of those days,” where from the moment you get out of bed things go wrong? That is what happens in, *Because I Stubbed My Toe*, our un-named main character stubs his toe just getting out of bed and scares the dog who scares the cat that jumps out the window and lands on the head of a passerby and things spiral from there. Everyone is affected by our main character stubbing his toe from an old man on a park bench, to young children in a bouncy house and animals in the zoo! But in the end he is glad he stubbed his toe.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Joffe Numeroff
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears, Verna Aardema
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Mo Willems

WEBSITES:

<http://www.readworks.org/lessons/grade1/cause-and-effect>

Because I Stubbed My Toe is a great book for teaching cause and effect. On this website you will find lesson plans to assist in teaching cause and effect.

<http://www.brainpop.com/educators/community/bp-jr-topic/cause-and-effect/>

Lesson helps and activities for teaching cause and effect.

BOOKTALK:

You just never think that when something bad happens to you that it can affect other people but in *Because I Stubbed My Toe*, it is proven that we are not alone. You get out of bed and stub your toe on the chair; it scares your dog who in turn scares the cat so bad that he jumps out the window and lands on an innocent passerby. That person drops their ice cream cone and the troubles continue. This is a great book for teaching cause and effect to young children. It is also a great book for showing how we are all connected in this world. This is definitely a book that you must share with someone else, you cannot read it alone.

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Carnivores

Aaron Reynolds and Dan Santat

Chronicle Books 2013

40 pages

SUMMARY:

It's lonely at the top of the food chain. Fitting in with the plant eaters is a challenge when you most likely ate a relative of theirs at one time or another. What's a carnivore to do? The great white shark, timber wolf and the lion go to great lengths to deal with being the most feared.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK TRY:

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Lion vs Rabbit by Alex Latimer

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

WEBSITES:

Book Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mgt8k8Dle-Q>

Author's Website <http://www.aaron-reynolds.com/carnivores.html>

Chronicle Books Teacher's Guide http://www.chroniclebooks.com/landing-pages/pdfs/ChronicleClassroom/Carnivores_TeachersGuide_4.pdf

BOOKTALK:

Lion, Shark, and Timber Wolf are tired of being feared by the rest of the animal kingdom. They decide to become vegetarians in hopes that all the other animals will stop running away from them. Unfortunately salad tastes terrible, and besides their teeth can't do anything with it. They try disguising themselves which doesn't work out very well. When the carnivores meet with a wise old owl he advises them that eating meat doesn't make them bad: it's just who they are.

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Churchill's Tale of Tails

Anca Sandu

Peachtree Publishers, 2014

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Churchill the pig loses his tail, and his friends help him search for a replacement. Churchill becomes so preoccupied with trying on tails that he neglects those who befriended him.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

All for Me and None for All, Helen Lester

Do Not Open This Book!, Michaela Muntean

My Friend Rabbit, Eric Rohmann

Pigs Make Me Sneeze!, Mo Willems

What Do You Do With a Tail Like That?, Steve Jenkins

WEBSITES:

Wear a Tail Day <http://www.awlqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/How-to-Make-a-Tail.pdf>

Pigs Storytime, SurLaLune <http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/storytime/pigs/index.html>

Churchill's Tale of Tails Pinterest Board <https://www.pinterest.com/peachtreepub/churchills-tale-of-tails/>

BOOKTALK:

HELP! HELP! Churchill the pig has lost his tail and he needs help!

Have you ever heard the old proverb, "A friend in need is a friend in deed"? Well, Churchill needs all his friends to help him replace his lost tail and they all pitch in finding tails for him. Churchill starts to enjoy trying on all the new and different tails, and gets all wrapped up in himself. Will he remember how important his friends are to him? Will he ever find his own lost tail? Read *Churchill's Tale of Tails* to find out!

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**Clara and Davie:
the True Story of Young Clara Barton, Founder of the Red Cross**

Patricia Polacco
Scholastic Press, 2014
32 pages

SUMMARY:

Clara and Davie tells the story of a young Clara Barton and her protective older brother. As a child, Clara had a lisp. Even though the children at school teased Clara, Davie knew that Clara was truly gifted, especially when it came to healing animals. Davie always believed that Clara would become a very important lady. Davie's prediction turned out to be right when Clara Barton became one of the most famous women of her time by founding the American Red Cross.

IF YOU LIKE THIS BOOK, TRY...

Amazing Civil War Nurse: Clara Barton by Wade, Mary Dodson

Clara Barton by Devillier, Christy by Lakin, Patricia

Clara Barton by Schaefer, Lola M.

Just Because by Elliott, Rebecca

WEBSITES:

Biography: Clara Barton for Kids

http://www.ducksters.com/biography/women_leaders/clara_barton.php

Gives biography of Clara Barton in kid-friendly language.

National Park Service: Clara Barton

<http://www.nps.gov/clba/forkids/index.htm>

Information on dressing like Clara Barton, primary source documents, photographs, and a timeline of Clara's life.

BOOKTALK:

Before Clara Barton earned the nickname of "The Angel of the Battlefield" from taking care of wounded soldiers during the Civil War, and before she founded the American Red Cross, she was very shy. She had to be home-schooled because her classmates teased her so badly because of her lisp. Clara's best friends were plants and animals. She was so good at taking care of these living things, that her older brother Davie always knew she would grow up to be a great lady.

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The Day the Crayons Quit

Drew Daywalt

Philomel Books, 2013

32 pages

SUMMARY:

This back-to-school story tells the tale of a box of crayons and their life living with a little boy, Duncan. Each crayon wrote a letter complaining about how he uses them or lack of.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

What Happens at a Crayon Factory, Lisa Guidone

Hurty Feelings, Helen Lester

A Day with No Crayons, Elizabeth Rusch

WEBSITES:

Oliver Jeffers World, <http://oliverjeffersworld.com/>, Illustrator's Website

Kid Lit 411, <http://www.kidlit411.com/2014/03/kidlit411-Drew-Daywalt-Author-Spotlight.html>,
Author Interview

Nerdy Book Club, <http://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/2013/10/06/what-if-by-drew-daywalt/>,
Author explores "what if..." as a writer

Crayola, <http://www.crayola.com/videos/video-category/the-life-of-an-american-crayon.aspx>,
Short video on how a crayon is made

Wired, <http://www.wired.com/2014/09/how-to-make-crayons/>, Pictures and step-by-step
directions on how crayons are made

BOOKTALK:

"Hey, I have feelings too!" That's the underlying theme found in this book. Poor Duncan finds a stack of letters written by his box of crayons, and they are not happy. Red has to work on holidays, black is just used for outlines, blue is short and stubby, and pink just wants to be used. Find out what else is wrong and what Duncan does to fix it in this book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*.

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Doug Unplugged
Dan Yaccarino
Alfred A. Knopf, 2013
32 pages

SUMMARY:

Doug the robot gets plugged in every day. There he learns millions of facts and figures, but when he unplugs himself, goes outside and meets a friend the learning really begins.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY:

Doug Unplugs on the Farm, Dan Yaccarino

Fix This Mess!, Tedd Arnold

Junkyard, Mike Austin

Monkey & Robot, Peter Catalanotto

Sometimes I Forget You're a Robot, Sam Brown

WEBSITES:

Dan Yaccarino's official site

<http://www.danyaccarino.com/ys/>

Includes a videos including a book trailer of Doug Unplugged and of Yaccarino talking about school visits.

WordGirl's Build My Robot! Interactive game

<http://pbskids.org/wordgirl/games/robotworkshop/>

From PBSKids, customize a robot with heads, body, arms and legs.

NASA's Robotic Alliance Project

<http://robotics.nasa.gov/edu/k-5.php>

Detailed Resource List for NASA's Robotics Alliance Project

Drawing Robot

<http://www.thedrawbot.com/drawing/drawing-robot.html>

Printable directions for drawing a robot

BOOKTALK

Wouldn't it be great if we could plug ourselves, our students, our teachers into a nice USB port and have everyone learn, learn, learn? No mess, no fuss, easy peasy. Just plug in and become a medical doctor, an astronaut, President of the United States. Doug is a robot so that is how he learns. He plugs in every day, but one day he decides to take a different approach. He is unplugged and out for a little adventure. What will he learn when he is unplugged? Find out in *Doug Unplugged* by Dan Yaccarino.

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Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball

John Coy
Carolrhoda Books, 2013
30 pages

SUMMARY:

Young James Naismith is hired to take over a rowdy gym class right before the winter vacation. This group is so rough that the last two PE teachers quit. Naismith knows he needs to do something different, exciting and fast paced to keep this group's attention, and to keep anyone from getting hurt. This book tells the true story of James Naismith and how he invented the game of basketball as a frustrated gym teacher in 1891.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY . . .

Outfoxed, by Mark Twohy

Toys in Space by Mini Grey

Lost Cat by Roger Mader

The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein

Little Dog Lost: The True Story of a Brave Dog Named Baltic by Monica Carnesi

WEBSITES:

John Coy: www.johncoy.com, Biographical information about the author and his books.

Springfield College: The Birthplace of Basketball, www.springfieldcollege.edu/welcome/birthplaceofbasketball , James Naismith's original 13 Rules of Basketball and photographs of Naismith are included on this website.

Joe Morse, <http://joemorse.com/> Biographical information about the illustrator and many of his works are highlighted on this website.

Basketball: James Naismith, <http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blbasketball.htm> The history of basketball and biographical information about James Naismith is included on this site.

BOOKTALK:

Springfield College was in big trouble. They needed yet another gym teacher for a rowdy group of students. Two teachers had already quit that school year due to the behavior of the students in that class. The college officials convinced young teacher James Naismith to take the job. Once he walked into the gym, Mr. Naismith knew he was in trouble. There was no way he was going to keep the attention of this group without coming up with something different, something fast paced, and fun. Mr. Naismith tried football and soccer, but someone always got hurt. He knew he needed an activity that would prevent anyone from getting tackled. Then one morning shortly before Christmas, the young teacher had a brainstorm! With a soccer ball and a peach basket, he came up with a game that the students loved! Read this book to find out how the game of basketball was invented.

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Journey
Aaron Becker
Candlewick, 2013
40 pages

SUMMARY:

In this wordless tale, an unnamed girl lost in a world of loneliness uses a red marker to draw a door in her bedroom to getaway. Through various adventures, she is captured and her crayon is taken. After her crayon is returned, she draws her way back to freedom.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Quest, Aaron Becker

Draw, Raul Colon

The Girl and the Bicycle, Mark Pett

Here I Am, Patti Kim

WEBSITES:

Story Breathing, <http://www.storybreathing.com>, Author's Website

YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxUs41jB4Ts>, Book Trailer

My Kid's Adventure, <http://www.mykidsadventures.com>, Lots of adventurous ideas to do with children

Book Adventure, <http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>, Go on your own adventure with a book (must register, but registration is free)

BOOKTALK:

Are you lonely or bored even? Don't worry, just find a crayon. That's just what this lonely girl did! Her red crayon can take her anywhere! After drawing a door in her bedroom wall, she is led through a series of adventures until she is captured! What will she do? Will she find her way back to freedom? Read Aaron Becker's Journey to see just what happens to this little girl and her red crayon.

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Kali's Story: An Orphaned Polar Bear Rescue

Jennifer Keats Curtis
Arbordale Publishing, 2013
32 pages

Summary:

Kali, the polar bear, is orphaned and rescued,

If You Liked This Book, Try . . .

Wild About Bears, Jeanne Brett

Tooth & Claw: The Wild World of Big Predators, Jim Arnosky

Cub's Big World, Sarah L. Thomson

Polar Opposites, Eric Brooks

In Arctic Waters, Laura Crawford

A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo, Joanna Ryder

Websites:

Polar Bear | San Diego Zoo Animals <http://www.animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/polar-bear>
Features a webcam of these polar bears

Jennifer Keats Curtis <http://www.jenniferkeatscurtis.com/>
Author biography and information about other books she's published

Untamed and Uncut: Polar Bear Rescue : Video : Animal Planet
<http://www.animalplanet.com/tv.../polar-bear-rescue.htm>
A treacherous rescue takes place in St. John's ...

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Light in the Darkness
Lesa Cline-Ransome
Disney Hyperion Books, 2013
29 pages

SUMMARY:

Rosa is a child in slavery with her mom who wants to learn to read. Slave were not allowed to be taught to read or write. So, it is in secret that they creep out in the middle of the night to go to a “pit school.”

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Up the Learning Tree, Martha Vaughan

Henry’s Freedom Box, Ellen Levine

Almost to Freedom, Vaunda Nelson

Hope’s Gift, Kelly Starling Lyons

More Than Anything Else, Marie Bradby

WEBSITES:

www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/civil-rights

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/experience/education/docs1.html>

BOOKTALK:

What if you told you were not allowed to learn to read or write? What if there were no books or schools for you to learn from? Would you wake up in the middle of the night and sneak out with your mother to go to a private school? Would you be willing to walk in the dark and crawl into a dark pit to learn? If discovered you could be beaten or killed? Would you risk your life to learn to read and write? That is just what Rosa and her mom do each night because they want to learn so badly. Read *Light in the Darkness* to see if she is successful!

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Maple

Lori Nichols

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Maple's parents plant a maple tree in her honor when she is born. As she and her tree grow up together, she finds that her tree doesn't mind when Maple wants to be loud – even though it can't run and play like other playmates. When Maple becomes a big sister, she realizes babies have loud moments too and knows just what her new baby sister needs.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Sparky by Jenny Offill

Maple and Willow Together by Lori Nichols

Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson

WEBSITES:

Author's Official Website: www.lorinichols.com

This website has more information about the book and suggested activity sheets for added fun!

Book Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqHXHjPPcK0>

Check out the book trailer by Lori Nichols!

Book Blog: <http://booksforkidsblog.blogspot.com/2014/07/growing-up-green-maple-by-lori-nichols.html>

Read Lori's blog post about the book and comment on what you thought!

Kidzone Science Trees: <http://www.kidzone.ws/plants/trees.htm>

Take a look at this website to learn more about trees, plus find some fun tree activities, diagrams, and crafts!

BOOKTALK:

Sometimes it is hard to talk to people, but something that doesn't talk back is always safe. In this story Maple's best friend is a maple tree her parents planted when she was born. You won't believe some of the ways she finds to have fun with a tree!

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The Matchbox Diary

Paul Fleischman

Candlewick Press, 2013

40 pages

SUMMARY:

The Matchbox Diary is a beautifully written and illustrated book that shares a grandfather's stories about his immigrant experiences as a young boy traveling from Italy to America and events he experiences in his new home. While waiting for the steamship to America, he had found matchboxes which he later used to begin his object diary. While he and his family traveled, he collected mementos to add to these tiny boxes. The grandfather now keeps these matchboxes in an old cigar box. When he tells his great-granddaughter to choose one item from his bookshop so he can tell her its story, she chooses the cigar box. He tells her this box holds his diary, but when they open it, she doesn't see a book with written words; instead she sees tiny little matchboxes. As they open and pull contents out of each tiny box, he shares stories about where he was when he first held the object— in Italy, on the ship, in America - and why that memento was so important to him. Objects as simple as an olive pit, a piece of macaroni, a bottle cap, sunflower seed shells, and torn pieces of newspapers remind him of stories to share.

Paul Fleischman creatively shares an immigrant's story through the eyes of a child. He highlights the importance of little things that have had great impact. He shares feelings of excitement, anticipation, fear, happiness, sadness, difficulties, and new experiences.

Bagram Ibatoulline has created wonderful illustrations that capture the essence of the stories. The illustrations are colorful while the grandfather and granddaughter are talking; then when the grandfather is telling his stories, the illustrations are black and white – much like old photographs in an aged scrapbook.

IF YOU LIKE THIS BOOK, TRY...

Londner, R. (2013). *Stones for Grandpa*. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Publishing.

Ada, A. F. (2002). *I love Saturdays y domingos*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

Arnosky, J. (2006). *Grandfather Buffalo*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons.

Bial, R. (2009). *Ellis Island: Coming to the land of liberty*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Bial, R. (2002). *Tenement: Immigrant life on the Lower East Side*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Cheng, A. (2000). *Grandfather counts*. New York: Lee & Low Books.

Freedman, R. (1980). *Immigrant kids*. New York: Scholastic.

Johnson, A. (1990). *When I am old with you*. Ill. by David Soman. New York: Orchard Books.

Polacco, P. (1998). *The keeping quilt*. New York: Simon and Shuster.

Say, A. (1993). *Grandfather's journey*. New York: Houghton Mifflin.

Tarbesca, E. (1998). *Annushka's voyage*. Ill. by L. Dabovich. New York: Clarion Books.

Velasquez, E. (2010). *Grandma's gift*. New York: Walker.

Woodruff, E. (1999). *The memory coat*. Ill. by M. Dooling. New York: Scholastic.

Yaccarino, D. (2011). *All the way to America: The story of a big Italian family and a little shovel*. New York: Alfred Knopf.

WEBSITES:

Paul Fleischman's website <http://www.paulfleischman.net>

Read Fleischman's biography, learn what inspired him to write *The Matchbox Diary* and other titles. Read about his recently published work and awards he has earned.

Bagram Ibatoulline's website <http://www.bagramibatoulline.com>

View book covers and book images created by illustrator, Bagram Ibatoulline.

Candlewick Press, *The Matchbox Diary* Teachers' Guide

http://www.candlewick.com/book_files/0763646016.btg.1.pdf Find lesson ideas and common core connections for *The Matchbox Diary* that can be used with various age groups.

The Classroom Bookshelf website

<http://classroombookshelf.blogspot.com/2013/09/the-matchbox-diary.html>. Find recently published children's and young adult books. Read about classroom connections.

Imagination Soup website

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2013/04/diy-miniature-blank-books-for-matchboxes/> Learn creative ideas for making miniature books.

C. Jayne Teach – The Matchbox Diary- website

<http://cjayneteach.com/blog/2013/04/03/the-matchbox-diary-by-paul-fleischman/> Find lesson plan ideas for *The Matchbox Diary* as well as a summary of the book.

Library of Congress: Immigration Resources for Teachers

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/immigration/#> Find classroom materials, including lesson plans, themed resources, presentations and activities.

BOOKTALK:

Have you ever saved something and put it in your pocket? Have you ever wondered what your grandparents were like when they were younger? In *The Matchbox Diary*, a little girl learns what her great-grandfather collected when he was a little boy. The little girl's grandfather owns a book and antique shop where he has collected many old items. He tells her to choose one thing and he will tell her its story. She chooses an old box with a pretty picture on its cover. When she asks her grandfather "What's inside?" he answers not just one story, but many stories. The pretty box is filled with many tiny boxes and each tiny box has something inside – something her grandfather collected that tells a story about him from when he was a little boy. Have fun reading this book to find out all the stories the girl's grandfather tells.

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Ol' Mama Squirrel
David Ezra Stein
Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013
32 pages

SUMMARY:

This is a quick engaging read aloud. Author David Ezra Stein uses expressive pictures and the repetitive phrase “chook chook chook” to create a story of Ol' Mama Squirrel a typical helicopter parent always ready to keep her babies safe and out of danger. It doesn't matter if it is an airplane or an animal, she always has a plan to keep her babies safe. Ol' Mama Squirrel shows no fear when she faces down dogs, cats, or a wayward kite. She knows what to do in every situation, even if a big “bear” of a problem comes along, she can always rely on the natural abilities of mama squirrels.

IF YOU LIKE THIS BOOK, TRY...

Those Darn Squirrels by Adam Rubin
Exclamation Mark by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Bob & Rob & Corn on the Cob by Todd McQueen

WEBSITES:

David Ezra Stein
www.davidezra.com Author website with information about the author, list of books, and activities.

Ol' Mama Squirrel Song
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e90rpMkLZfw> This is a Youtube video of the author David Ezra Stein sing a song about the book.

National Geographic:
<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/squirrel/> This link will take you directly to information about squirrels which includes facts, a map of the squirrel range, a fast fact section, and an actual recording of squirrel sounds.

Science Kids: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/squirrel.html>
This link will take you to a website that lists some facts about squirrels. Very simple, geared for the youngest researchers.

BOOKTALK:

When you go to the park, the playground, or the woods what animal do you see the most? That's right, SQUIRRELS??? Why do we see so many squirrels and what is going on in their squirrel lives? I bet if you listen very closely you can hear them talking to you, maybe even fussing at you. But why would a squirrel fuss at you? Well this book Ol' Mama Squirrel might give us some of the answers. Let's read to find out!

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Pluto's Secret

Margaret A. Weitekamp
Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014
40 pages

SUMMARY:

This book tells the story of Pluto from the early 1900s to the present day. From the time that early astronomers discovered what they thought was a ninth planet, to present revelations of Pluto as a dwarf planet with its own moons, this book provides clear understanding of Pluto in understandable text and child-friendly illustrations.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK TRY...

Space by Will Osborne

Our Solar System by Seymour Simon

Beyond by Michael Benson

WEBSITES:

airandspace.si.edu/staff/margaret-weitekamp (Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum)

<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/kids/index.cfm> About Dwarf Planets (NASA)

BOOKTALK:

Percival Lowell just *knows* there has to be another planet out there. All his research supports this theory, that there is something pulling on the orbits of Uranus and Neptune. After he died, his staff hired Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered there really *was* a ninth planet which was then named Pluto. Would Pluto remain a planet? Is it alone in its orbit? Is a spacecraft destined to touch down on Pluto in the near future? Read this amazing book that helps us understand our startlingly impressive universe a little better.

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The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life

Lois Ehlert

Simon & Schuster, 2014

72 pages

SUMMARY:

Author and illustrator, Lois Ehlert, has entertained children for years through her unique picture books. Her artistic style is easily recognizable, utilizing mixed media collage to create colorful, appealing images, often involving nature. With over 30 books to her credit, most children are familiar with Ehlert's work.

Similar to Ehlert's previous works, *Hands* and *Under My Nose*, this book tells the story of how the artist became a creator of children's books. However this book is directed toward the K-2 crowd. Young readers will enjoy learning about the artist's creation process. Part autobiography, part inspirational message, this book makes the perfect lead-in to an author study and countless art projects.

IF YOU LIKE THIS BOOK, TRY...

Hands, Lois Ehlert

Under My Nose, Lois Ehlert

Picture This, Molly Bang

Words to My Life's Song, Ashley Bryan

Artist to Artist : 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children About Their Art

BOOKTALK:

Have you ever dreamed of being an author? How about an artist? Do you think it would be hard? Do you think it would be fun? Well, you can find the answers to these questions and more through Lois Ehlert's *The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life*. You've probably seen lots of her books... *Leaf Man*, *Feathers for Lunch*, and *Planting a Rainbow*, just to name a few. Undoubtedly, you noticed that her pictures are always full of color and always full of "stuff." That's because she likes to create collages, using things that she's found and collected. In *Scraps Book*, she talks about growing up in a family that was always creating things and how she was encouraged to create. You even get to see the art table that she had as a child and still has to this day. *Scraps Book* teaches us that anyone can be an artist. All it takes is a place to create, materials close at hand, and a little bit of encouragement.

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Tap the Magic Tree
Christie Matheson
Greenwillow Books, 2013
40 pages

SUMMARY:

Rhyming book encourages readers to interact with the apple tree throughout its seasons.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Press Here, Herve Tullet

A Tree is Nice, Janice May Udry

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf, Lois Ehlert

The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree, Gail Gibbons

WEBSITES:

Tap the Magic Tree Craft <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE3DOCZOss0> Fall craft by Christie Matheson and her daughter Ellie

Tap the Magic Tree Common Core Teaching Guide <http://www.thepageturn.com/blog/wp-content/upload>

Books for Kids: Tap the Magic Tree (Poppins Book Nook)

<http://growingbookbybook.com/2013/10/28/books-kids-tap-magic-tree-poppins-book-nook/> Growing Book by Book Literacy extensions for teaching use.

KidsRead Author Biography <http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/christie-matheson>

BOOKTALK:

You've probably tapped on an iPad, but have you ever had to tap on a book to get to the next part of the story? Tap, touch, rub, and wiggle *Tap the Magic Tree* to move through the seasons of the apple tree.

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This is the Rope : A Story from the Great Migration

Jacqueline Woodson

Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin), 2013

32 pages

SUMMARY:

A story of a little girl, her mother, her grandmother, and a rope – a rope that connects the story of three generations of this family as they travel from South Carolina to New York City during the Great Migration.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Good-bye, Havana! Hola, New York! by Edie Colon

The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman

This is Our House by Hyewon Yum

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco

All the Way to America by Dan Yaccarino

The Great Migration by Eloise Greenfield

Bigmama's by Donald Crews

Do Like Kyla by Angela Johnson

In My Momma's Kitchen by Jerdine Nolan

Home Place by Crescent Dragonwagon

WEBSITES:

Storypath <http://storypath.upsem.edu/this-is-the-rope-a-story-from-the-great-migration/>

Questions to use after reading the book.

History: Great Migration <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/great-migration> Factors leading to the Great Migration.

PBS http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories_events_migration.html Personal narratives and events during this period of history, including the Jim Crow Laws.

Jacqueline Woodson <http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/> Biography of author and information about her books.

Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/woodson> Interview with author Jacqueline Woodson.

BOOKTALK:

A little girl from South Carolina finds a rope under a tree. The family uses that rope for many things, from playing jump rope games to tying a suitcase on a car. That rope becomes the symbol of the family's history as they journey from the south to New York City in the north during the Great Migration.

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The Very Inappropriate Word

Jim Tobin

Henry Holt and Company, 2013

33 pages

SUMMARY:

Michael loves words of all kinds and spends his days searching for new ones. Until, one day, he finds a bad word, an inappropriate word. Although he does his best to hide it, it comes out! With the help of his teacher, Michael finds some other words to use instead.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Elbert's Bad Word, Audrey Wood

Max's Word, Kate Banks

The Boy Who Loved Words, Roni Schotter

WEBSITE:

YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kT85VWbw4yg>, Book Trailer

BOOKTALK:

Michael collects words! He likes words on signs, words at school, little words, big words... oh, any kind of word. One day, Michael picked up a new word, a bad word, an inappropriate word! Read *The Very Inappropriate Word* to find out find what Michael does with his new word!

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Warning: Do Not Open This Book!

Adam Lehrhaupt

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2013

40 pages

SUMMARY:

This charming book starts out with several warnings begging the reader not to open the book or turn any pages. Once the story has started, madness ensues with wild monkeys and some other crazy animals running loose in the book! It becomes the readers job to round up all the silly animals so the story can end. This is sure to be a fun read aloud!

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Open Very Carefully: A Book with Bite, Nick Bromley

The Book with No Pictures, BJ Novak

Count the Monkeys, Mac Barnett

WEBSITES:

Author's Official Website

<http://adamlehrhaupt.com/> Biographical information about the author; book trailer video

Teach Mentor Texts: Warning: Do Not Open This Book!

<http://www.teachmentortexts.com/2014/03/warning-do-not-open-this-book.html#axzz3NIRLnNjr> Jen Vincent teaching ideas for this picture book.

Do Not Open This Book <http://www.comingupforair.net/#/do-not-open-this-book/>
Illustrator Matt Forsythe's Gallery

BOOKTALK:

You really should not read this book! If you open it there is sure to be trouble. Don't even think about turning the pages, you will run into all kinds of crazy things! You still want to read this book? Well, ok, but I warned you...it is really not a good idea!!

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What If You Had Animal Teeth?

Sandra Markle

Scholastic Press, 2013

32 pages

SUMMARY:

This book explores different animals and the uses of their teeth. Actual photographs are given of the animal and an explanation of how the animal's teeth help it to survive in its environment. The next page shows an illustration of a child with those teeth. Hints on how to keep our human teeth healthy are also included.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

What if You Had Animal Hair? Markle, Sandra

What if You Had Animal Feet? Markle, Sandra

Whose Teeth are These? Lynch, Wayne (series includes *Whose Tongue is This*, *Whose Nose is This*)

What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You? Jenkins, Steve

WEBSITES:

www.brainpopjr.com – links to videos about caring for teeth, losing teeth and going to the dentist

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/teetheating.html>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/tech/teeth/newsid_3830000/3830561.stm

<http://www.ket.org/trips/dentist/animalteeth.htm>

BOOKTALK:

How would you like to be able to move and operate your front teeth like chopsticks? Well, did you know a naked mole rat can? Why would he need his teeth to work this way? Read this book to see how different animals' teeth help them to survive in their environment. Find out how the unique shape and use of their teeth are important to them and how our human teeth work and are important to us.

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The Dark

Lemony Snicket

Little, Brown and Company, 2013

40 pages

SUMMARY:

Laszlo is afraid of the dark. He lives in a big house with creaky floors and lots of stairs. The dark lives in his basement, a place Laszlo does not like to go. One night the dark asks Laszlo to visit him in the basement. His experience in the basement helps Laszlo stop being afraid of the dark. Written in short sentences with illustrations by Jon Klassen, this book conquers a universal childhood fear.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown

Journey by Aaron Becker

Mr. Wuffles! by David Wiesner

Ol' Mama Squirrel by Ezra Stein

WEBSITES:

Lemony Snicket www.lemonysnicketlibrary.com The official website of Lemony Snicket (real name Daniel Handler)

Good Reads www.goodreads.com Website reviews of popular books

Jon Klassen www.jonklassen.tumblr.com Tumblr account for Jon Klassen

Lemony Snicket Discusses *The Dark* www.commonsensemedia.org An interview with author Lemony Snicket about his book *The Dark*

TeachingBooks www.teachingbooks.net Website for book activities

BOOKTALK:

As a child, I was absolutely terrified of the dark because I imagined all sorts of creatures that I was sure were hiding there. Laszlo is no different than I was or many, many other children everywhere. In Laszlo's house, he lives upstairs and the dark lives in the basement. Neither Laszlo nor the dark hardly ever venture out of their places. But one night, the dark visits Laszlo and asks him to come down into the basement. Laszlo was afraid of the dark in the basement, but he went down anyway. When he gets there, the dark gives him something wonderful and comforting that makes Laszlo stop being afraid of the dark. If you have ever been afraid of the dark, remember that the dark is not afraid of you, just as Laszlo learned in this wonderful book

about a common childhood fear entitled *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket, illustrated by Jon Klassen.

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Henri's Scissors

Jeanette Winter

Beach Lane Books, 2013

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Overview of the life and work of artist Henri Matisse with a special focus on his cut paper/collage creations.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

The Iridescence of Birds: A Book About Henri Matisse, Patricia MacLachlan

Colorful Dreamer: The Story of Artist Henri Matisse, Marjorie Blain Parker

WEBSITES:

Henri Matisse for Kids Baltimore Museum of Art http://www.artbma.org/flash/f_conekids.swf
Flash site provides information and activities for children

Paper Cut Outs (gouaches decoupees) http://www.henri-matisse.net/cut_outs.html

5 Fun Facts About Henri <http://baterbys.com/5-fun-facts-about-henri-matisse/>

Henri Matisse: the Cut-Outs -- Museum of Modern Art Interactive
<http://www.moma.org/interactives/exhibitions/2014/matisse/>

Paper-Cut Collage Lesson Plan <http://www.storyboardtoys.com/gallery/matisse-kids-art-lesson.htm>

How Purpose Shapes Content: Examining Two Books about Matisse
<http://nonfictionandthecommoncore.blogspot.com/2014/11/how-purpose-shapes-content-examining.html> Writers' purpose activity using CCSS

Jeanette Winter <http://authors.simonandschuster.com/Jeanette-Winter/64041479>
<http://www.patriciamnewman.com/winter.html>

BOOKTALK:

Henri Matisse created many kinds of art throughout his life, using paper, paint, pencils, ink, and stone. He kept on creating art even when he became old and very sick. Henri began to work in a whole new way by cutting paper with scissors and creating collages. "Matisse got as close as one can get to heaven with a pair of scissors." Romare Bearden

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My Daddy, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, III

HarperCollins, 2013

32 pages

SUMMARY:

Marty tells the story of what it was like having Martin Luther King, Jr. as a father.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

My Uncle Martin's Big Heart, Angela Farris Watkins

My Brother Martin, Christine King Farris

Hero Dad, Malinda Harden

Because I'm Your Dad, Ahmet Zappa

WEBSITE:

YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smEqnklfYs>, Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech
National Geographic Kids,

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/content/kids/en_US/explore/history/martin-luther-king-jr/,
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ducksters, http://www.ducksters.com/biography/martin_luther_king_jr.php, Biography Article

BOOKTALK:

Ever heard of Martin Luther King, Jr.? Yea, me too, he's my dad. – That's the story of this memoir written by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s son. Martin's son gives a real look at the father and person hidden behind this civil rights leader. Read *My Daddy, Martin Luther King, Jr.* to take a look into life of Martin behind the eyes of his son.

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My Lucky Birthday

Keiko Kaszo

G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2013

30 pages

SUMMARY:

Alligator and Piglet share a birthday. As proud, vain Alligator is getting himself ready for his party, Piglet knocks on the door. Alligator snatches him up thinking he'd make a good birthday dinner, but Piglet has other plans. Fans of Kasza's *My Lucky Day* will enjoy this trickster tale and triumph of the underdog.

IF YOU LIKED THIS BOOK, TRY...

Bunny Party by Rosemary Wells

Hooray for Amanda and her Alligator by Mo Willems

Bonjour, Butterfly by Jane O'Connor

WEBSITES:

The author's website is <http://www.keikokasza.com/> and it offers biographical information and interesting facts about the author.

BOOKTALK:

Alligator and Piglet share a birthday. When Piglet knocks on Alligator's door, Alligator snatches him up and intends to eat him for a birthday dinner, but Alligator is very vain, and Piglet uses his own smarts to outwit Alligator and treat readers to a funny surprise ending. The illustrations are delightful, cartoon-like images that not only support the text, but are funny, storytelling likenesses of lovable characters.

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