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Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

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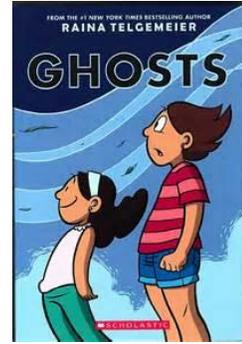
Publication date 2016

ISBN 978-0-545-54062-9

Grade Level 3-8

Reading Level: 2.6

Number of Pages: 239



Description:

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis—and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

General Review:

Raina Telgemeier has masterfully created a moving and insightful story about the power of family and friendship, and how it gives us the courage to do what we never thought possible. This graphic novel deals with some profound and heavy topics and themes, from the paranormal to cystic fibrosis to moving away from your school and friends. However, *Ghosts* is a beautiful and hopeful graphic novel from the author of [Smile](#), one that teaches younger readers that even in the most dire situations there is always a bright side.

Themes:

ghosts, sisters, families, friends, moving household, comic books

Author/Illustrator Information:

Raina Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Sisters*, and *Drama*, all #1 New York Times bestsellers. She also adapted and illustrated four graphic novel versions of Ann M. Martin's *Baby-sitters Club* series. Raina's accolades include multiple Eisner Awards, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, a Stonewall Honor, and many Best Of and Notable lists. Raina lives and works in San Francisco, CA. <http://goraina.com/>

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Cat always getting mad at Carlos?
2. How come Cat is so afraid of ghosts and Maya isn't?

Activities:

1. Kinder Art Mask <http://www.kinderart.com/multic/dayofthedeadskeleton.shtml>
2. Calaver Abecedario : a Day of the Dead Alphabet Book by Jeanette Winter
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152059067/kinderartA/>
3. Paper Crafts for Day of the Dead by Randel McGee
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0766029514/kinderartA/>

Similar Books:

Fiction Titles:

Roald Dahl's Book of Ghost Stories

The Haunted Dollhouse

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles/Ghostbusters 1-4

A Good Night for Ghosts

Nonfiction Titles:

Ghosts: A nonfiction companion to Magic Tree House #42: A Good Night for Ghosts

The Great Pet Escape by Victoria Jamieson

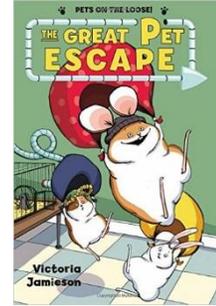
Henry Holt and Co. BYR Paperbacks

Publication date 2016

ISBN 978-1627791069

Grade Level 1-5

Number of Pages 64



Description:

The class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School want OUT . . . and GW (short for George Washington), the deceptively cute hamster in the second-grade classroom, is just the guy to lead the way. But, when he finally escapes and goes to find his former partners in crime, Barry and Biter, he finds that they actually LIKE being class pets. Impossible!

General Review:

"Guaranteed fun." —Kirkus Reviews

"Told with a wickedly sharp sense of humor, Jamieson's latest delivers a madcap adventure that is sure to please young readers." —Booklist, starred review

Themes:

Pets, escape, school, hamsters, mice, rabbits, silly

Author/Illustrator Information:

Victoria Jamieson's website

<http://www.victoriajamieson.com/>

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did George Washington want to escape?
2. How did G.W. escape?
3. What happened to his friends?

Activities:

1. Research the best pet for home or classroom.
2. Have a contest to name the pet.
3. Have a pet show. The kids can bring in pictures of their pets and display them. Then make up fun winners categories: funniest face, cutest, etc.
4. Hamster craft: http://www.snarkydork.com/2007/12/craft-hamster-how-to.html?crlt_pid=camp.yq5AK1tNaM6x
5. Bunny craft:



More Resources:

Book Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI3mwSS4VG8>

Similar Books:

Benjamin Bear in bright ideas! by Coudray, Philippe

The big Bad Wolf and me by Perret, Delphine

Bean Dog and Nugget. [1], The ball by Harper, Charise Mericle

Mr. Pants: trick or feet! by McCormick, Scott

HiLo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

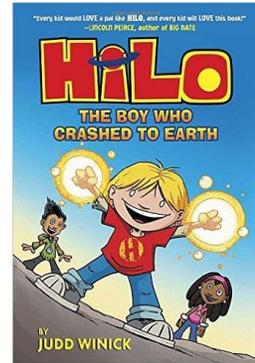
Random House Books for Young Readers

Publication date 2015

ISBN 978-0385386173

Grade Level 3 – 7

Number of Pages: 191



Description:

D.J. and his friend Gina are totally normal kids. But Hilo isn't! Hilo doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. (Or why going to school in only your underwear is a BAD idea!) . . . But UH-OH, what if Hilo wasn't the only thing to fall to our planet? Can the trio unlock the secrets of Hilo's past? Can Hilo SURVIVE a day at school? Find out in HILO—a laugh-out-loud, epic story of friendship!

General Review:

Gr 2–5—Daniel Jackson Lim, aka DJ, is an ordinary boy in a family of overachievers. He meets Hilo, a robot boy who fell to Earth from space and doesn't know where he came from or what he is doing on this planet. DJ, along with his best friend, Gina, help Hilo unlock the secrets of his past and stop the destruction of the planet. The first installment in this graphic novel series is a fast-paced adventure that is beautifully illustrated in full color and aimed at readers who would love to have a superhero friend. Captivating, silly, tender, and, most importantly, funny, this title will be popular with all readers—from reluctant to avid. The strength of friendship and cooperation is a theme throughout. With a cliff-hanger ending, the book will have kids eager for the sequel. VERDICT Diverse characters, good friends, and humorous dialogue coupled with colorful illustrations and plenty of action make this a must-have for all children's graphic novel collections.—Paula Huddy

Themes:

Children's Books, Graphic Novels, Science Fiction, Robotics, Friendship, Adventure, Friendship

Author/Illustrator Information:

Judd Winick (born February 12, 1970) is an American comic book, comic strip and television writer/artist and former reality television personality. Winick first gained fame for his 1994 stint on MTV's *The Real World: San Francisco*, before earning success for his work on comic books as *Green Lantern*, *Green Arrow*, and *Pedro and Me*, his autobiographical graphic novel about his friendship with *Real World* cast mate and AIDS educator Pedro Zamora. He created the animated TV series *The Life and Times of Juniper Lee*, which ran for three seasons on Cartoon Network. <http://www.juddspillowfort.com/welcome/>

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the book about?
2. What is your favorite part of the book?
3. Who is your favorite character?
4. Why do you like that character?
5. What do you think will happen in the second book?

Activities:

Watch the book trailer and have the kids make one in a group.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBYDWhlhE4Q>

Make your own robot <http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/68530/16-robots-kids-can-actually-make>

Planet Mobile <https://craftsncoffee.com/2014/01/14/threes-the-charm-three-ways-to-make-a-solar-system-model-and-a-giveaway/>

HiLo love puns and knock knock jokes. Have the kids write their own puns, jokes, riddles.

More Resources:

<http://cblf.org/2016/09/28375/>

[https://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/wp-](https://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/GraphicNovels_EducatorGd_15_WEB.pdf)

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Similar Books:

Fiction Titles:

Little Robot by Ben Hatke

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Meet the Bigfeet by Kevin Sherry

The Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang

Bird and Squirrel by James Burks

The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks

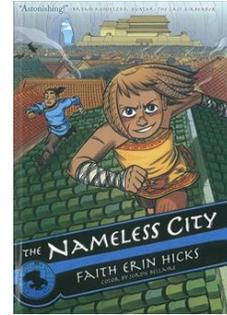
Publisher: First Second

Publication date: 04/05/2016

ISBN 978-1626721579

Grade Level: 4th- 6th

Number of Pages: 232



Description:

The Nameless City actually has a name. It has a few names, in fact. It all depends on who you ask. Filtered through the coming-of-age experiences of Kaidu (“Kai”), The Nameless City trilogy explores the depths of loyalty one will go to identify and protect family, friends, neighbors, and even foes.

General Review:

The titular city of Hicks’ series opener goes by many names. Set in a highly desirable location, the city, which resembles thirteenth-century China, has cycled through conquerors, all of whom call it something new. Its permanent residents watch those rulers come and go, and call it the Nameless City. Kai, son of a general in the current conquering army, the Dao, has just arrived, and is dazzled by the place, especially the girl he sees racing across the rooftops. That girl—Rat—is one of the conquered, and through their friendship, Hicks teases out the city’s complex dynamics. Resentments toward the Dao are simmering, and privileged Kai is mostly oblivious until Rat starts training him in her parkour-like moves. Remarkably, Hicks conveys these dynamics without much exposition, relying instead on visual cues, expressive faces and gestures, and subtext. Meanwhile, the primary story—fueled by cinematic action, some well-timed comical stumbles, and a nefarious plot against the Dao—is just as compelling. All of these elements are brilliantly integrated in Hicks’ detailed, expansive, beautifully colored artwork, which handles dense cityscapes filled with tiled roofs just as handily as it does meaningful glances. With comprehensive world building, well-rounded characters, and entertaining action, this expertly executed story will find a home with a wide variety of readers, all of whom will be eagerly awaiting the next installment.

-Booklist

Themes:

Family, loyalty, war and peace, and friendship

Author/Illustrator Information:

Faith Erin Hicks is a Canadian writer and illustrator, whose work includes graphic novels for both young adults and middle grades. Kazu Kibuishi, author of the Amulet series, described as “one of the best creators working for graphic novels today.”

<http://www.fatherinhicks.com/>

Discussion Questions:

1. What real-life cities do you think Hicks looked to as inspiration for creating the Nameless City?
2. In what ways do one’s loyalty to family and friends complement and conflict in the story?

Activities:

1. Draw an outline of how you envision the Nameless City to be best represented. Label your map with a city name according to one of the city's various populations. Add details to the drawing that illustrate that group of citizens' perspective on the city.
2. Write a letter from Kai to his father, a letter that is brutally honest and will never be sent. What does Kai want to say to his father and why?
3. Rat uses parkour to travel around the city. Illustrate a sequence of events that will get Rat from one part of the city to the other, using parkour.

Source:

<http://images.macmillan.com/folio-assets/teachers-guides/9781626721562TG.pdf>

Parkour Video Inspiration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RG5UuIHVvBI>

Similar Books:

Fiction Titles:

Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant by Tony Cliff

Avatar: The Last Airbender by Gene Luen Yang

Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibiushi

The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander

Nonfiction Titles:

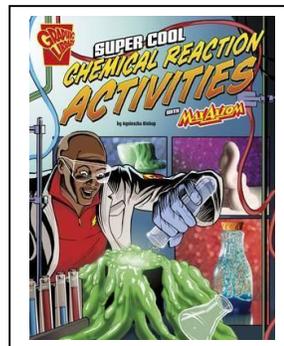
Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitune by Pamela S. Turner

Who was Genghis Khan? By Nico Medina

City: A Story of Roman Planning and Construction by David Macaulay

Super Cool Chemical Reaction Activities with Max Axiom by Agnieszka Biskup

Illustrator: Marcelo Baez
Capstone Press
Publication date 2015
ISBN 9781491422816
Grades 3-4
Number of Pages: 32



Description:

Engage students with amazing chemical reaction science experiments and activities hosted by Super Scientist Max Axiom. This collection of kid friendly science projects includes clear step by step, photo illustrated instructions. Curriculum content covered includes endothermic reaction, exothermic reactions, combustion, and so much more!

General Review:

" In this collection, superhero scientist Max Axiom shares the secrets of how to produce and perform hands-on activities and experiments with every turn of the page. Written in graphic novel format with brightly colored illustrations, the easy-to-follow text engages the reader and even appeals to reluctant readers or those not interested in science. . . .Future engineers and scientists will have fun building a structure, creating chemical reactions, observing forces and motion, or designing and constructing machines." - School Library Connection

Themes:

Science, experiments, chemical reactions

Author/Illustrator Information:

Agnieszka Biskup is a science writer and editor based in Chicago. She is a former editor for the science section of the Boston Globe as well as the children's science magazine Muse. In addition to children's books, she has also written many articles for newspapers, magazines, and websites. Her books have received awards from Learning magazine, the Association of Educational Publishers, and the Society of School Librarians International. Her book Football: How It Works (Capstone Press, 2010) was a Junior Library Guild selection.

<http://agnieszkabiskup.com/>

Marcelo Baez is a professional illustrator and designer who has worked for international clients such as Microsoft, ESPN Magazine, Dallas Observer, The Weekend Australian Magazine just to name a few.

<http://www.marcelobaez.com/>

Discussion Questions:

1. What was your favorite experiment in the book and why?
2. What is Endothermic Reaction

Activities:

1. Go over lab safety and create a poster of rules (i.e. wearing goggles, lab coat, responsible clean up, etc.)
2. Break into groups and find a new chemistry experiment you can recreate in the classroom.
3. After finding a new experiment, write out the instructions step by step to pass on to a new group.
4. Find a fun science experiment video and share it with the class.
5. Find a book of science experiments and pick one to share with the class.

More Resources:

Chemistry magic – chemistry experiments and videos for young chemists

<http://chemagic.org/home/>

Chemistry science projects for 3rd graders

<https://www.education.com/science-fair/chemistry/>

Similar Books:

Fiction Titles:

Oh no! or, How My Science project Destroyed the World by Mac Barnett

Franny K. Stein, mad scientist #1 : Lunch Walks Among Us by Jim Benton

Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang

Nick & Tesla's Secret Agent Gadget Battle: a mystery with spy cameras, code wheels and other gadgets you can build yourself by Bob Pflugfelder

Voyagers : Project Alpha by D. J. McHale

Nonfiction Titles:

Lego Chain Reactions by Pat Murphy

The Flying Machine Book: Build and Launch 35 Rockets, Gliders, Helicopters, Boomerangs and More by Bobby Mercer

Feel the Force! : Physics in Pop-up Bite-sized bits by Tom Adams

Oh, ick! : 114 Science Experiments Guaranteed to Gross You Out! By Joy Masoff