

Reader S Theater Anansi S Feast Story Warren

"Anansi the Spider, a master trickster, uses the powers of a magical rock to dupe his neighbors...a musical introduction sets the mood...the text of the book is read clearly and expressively."-Booklist
Anansi the Spider's plan to trick his friend Turtle into doing all the work while he teaches Anansi to catch fish somehow gets turned around. While Anansi doesn't learn his lesson, he does learn the invaluable skill of weaving.

'Imani the tiny' the children tease her, but this young Maasai girl is determined to touch the moon. Her mother shares stories of others who have overcome challenges and managed great accomplishments always reminding Imani that 'it is only you who must believe.' This magical tale, with roots in the tradition of the adumu, a cultural jumping dance, is one strong and spirited girl's thrilling story.

An urgent and eloquent account of a boy traveling in a caravan from his beloved homeland of El Salvador to the US border. This novel in verse is a powerful first-person account of Misael Martínez, a Salvadoran boy whose family joins the caravan heading north to the United States. We learn all the different reasons why people feel the need to leave — the hope that lies behind their decision, but also the terrible sadness of leaving home. We learn about how far and hard the trip is, but also about the kindness of those along the way. Finally, once the caravan arrives in Tijuana, Misael and those around him are relieved. They think they have arrived at the goal of the trip — to enter the United States. But then tear gas, hateful demonstrations, force and fear descend on these vulnerable people. The border is closed. The book ends with Misael dreaming of El Salvador. This beautiful and timely story is written in simple but poetic verse by Jorge Argueta, the award-winning author of *Somos como las nubes / We Are Like the Clouds*. Award-winning Mexican illustrator Manuel Monroy illuminates Misael's journey. An author's note is included, along with a map showing the caravan's route. Key Text Features author's note map illustrations Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).

Author Tony Fredericks and illustrator, Bongamon, present readers theatre scripts based on traditional African folklore. Includes background information for teachers on each African country, as well as instruction and presentation suggestions, and additio

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, Neil Gaiman returns to the territory of his masterpiece, *American Gods* (soon to be a Starz Original Series) to once again probe the dark recesses of the soul. God is dead. Meet the kids. Fat Charlie Nancy's normal life ended the moment his father dropped dead on a Florida karaoke stage. Charlie didn't know his dad was a god. And he never knew he had a brother. Now brother Spider is on his doorstep—about to make Fat Charlie's life more interesting . . . and a lot more dangerous. "Thrilling, spooky, and wondrous." —Denver Post "Awesomely inventive.... When you take the free-fall plunge into a Neil Gaiman book, anything can happen and anything invariably does." —Entertainment Weekly "Delightful, funny and affecting.... A tall tale to end all tall tales." —Washington Post Book World

Available for the first time in over thirty years, John Krizanc's internationally acclaimed play redefined the limits of theatre with its haunting tale of art, sex, violence, and political intrigue in Fascist Italy. In the late twenties the poet, war hero, and lothario Gabriele d'Annunzio waits in his opulent villa — a gift from Benito Mussolini in return for his political silence — for the arrival of the artist Tamara de Lempicka, who is to paint his portrait. What follows is a tale of art, sex, violence and the meaning of complicity in an authoritarian state. The action is directed by the reader/audience member, who decides which characters to follow and which narratives to experience. John Krizanc's masterpiece redefined theatre and won six L.A. Drama Critics Circle Awards, six Dora Mavor Moore Awards, six Drama-Logue Awards, and six Mexican Association of Theatre Critics, and Journalists Awards for its original productions. Now available in a handsome new A List edition, *Tamara* is an astonishing piece of experimental art and a penetrating look into ethical choices in times of encroaching autocracy.

Collects folk tales from Indonesia and Malaysia that relate the adventures of the trickster Mouse Deer, who must think and act quickly to avoid being eaten.

Readers' Theater helps build oral fluency and strengthens reading and language arts skills for students. It also promotes teamwork and helps develop student confidence.

Presents forty short scripts adapted from folktales from thirty different countries around the world that are intended for use in elementary school settings.

Read Along or Enhanced eBook: In this story from West Africa, Anansi the spider uses his wits, his trickster skills, and the help of his friends to bring light to the world.

"Anansi wants everyone to listen to his stories and admire him, but he will have to complete three challenges before he is worthy."--Page 4 of cover.

Bring curriculum concepts to life with four theme-related scripts per book. Each script has roles at multiple levels so your on-, above-, and below-level readers can build fluency, comprehension, and performance skills together. Click-and-print CD-ROMs make printing script copies easy. 96 pages each.

Readers Theater, Grade 1 productions offer teachers the flexibility of casting more than one reader for each role as a way to support emerging readers. The 15 scripts include the following features that provide additional support for emerging readers: Simple rhyming text helps increase predictability of the text in the script for "Too Much Noise!," a traditional Jewish folktale. Scripts based on familiar folktales such as "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," "The Little Red Hen," and "The Three Little Pigs" increase students comfort with read-aloud material. A patterned story structure and repeating choral refrain help support beginning readers in "Out in the Woods."

"The expressive male narrator charms the listener by impersonating the characters...Short segments of music and brief sound effects add interest...useful for all reading and listening situations." - Booklist

This myth-based reader's theater script builds fluency through oral reading. The creative script captures students' interest, so they will want to practice and perform. Included is a fluency lesson and approximate reading levels for the script roles.

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Offers eighteen offbeat literary programs featuring creepy, dirty, and stinky stories that will appeal to young readers.

Get ready to read! LITTLE RED ROBINS are ideal for sharing and reading together. Full colour illustrations throughout. Dragon is lonely. When he unexpectedly finds a friend in Apple, all is suddenly right in the world. But when Apple disappears, Dragon is lost again. Will any other apples ever appear?

Three-time Governor General's Literary Award-shortlisted author and playwright Anosh Irani's critically acclaimed one-man show Buffoon is a masterclass of tragicomic theatre. Born to circus folk who prefer trapezing over parenting, Felix quickly learns to turn life's misfortunes into jokes. His longing for family and home is piqued at the tender age of seven when he falls hopelessly in love with an older woman, the beguiling Aja, who is eight. In the process, a clown is born, and we watch him grow into a middle-aged buffoon. Over time, Felix stops waiting for someone else to love him; his journey becomes one of loving himself. A story of love, loss, and the fate that binds us, Buffoon is a gut-wrenching one-man show that expertly walks the tightrope between heartbreak and hilarity.

Anansi--Reader's Theater Script & Fluency LessonTeacher Created Materials

Reader's Theater . . . and So Much More! is written for grades 3-4. This exciting resource contains plays, skits, and independent research activities with an innovative twist for differentiated instruction. This high-interest book of humorous skits and plays is a jumping-off point for research and creativity for students of all ability levels. Each of the reader's theaters comes with suggestions for differentiating and extending the lesson's content. These plays not only provide a legitimate reason for students to reread texts and practice fluency, but they also promote cooperative interaction with peers. Grades 3-4

Bring the riches of high-quality literature into the upper elementary classroom with delightful activities that span the curriculum and center on such stimulating themes as storytelling, great books, research technology, American history, conflict, and fantasy. Organized by grade level, this book provides everything you need to fully integrate literature into the curriculum-from bibliographic information, suggested grade level, student objectives, and a synopsis of the story to model lessons and suggestions for integration into other areas. With numerous selections from countries around the world, this volume is also a perfect resource for multicultural studies. Grades 4-6.

"Terheyden's narration makes the characters come alive. A truly delightful addition to any collection." - School Library Journal

Shows teachers how to help students become confident, accomplished writers, using literature as their foundation. The book is organised around the characteristics of good writing: focus, content, organisation, style, and conventions.

The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Theater collects a critical mass of border-crossing scholarship on the intersections of dance and theatre. Taking corporeality as an idea that unites the work of dance and theater scholars and artists, and embodiment as a negotiation of power dynamics with important stakes, these essays focus on the politics and poetics of the moving body in performance both on and off stage. Contemporary stage performances have sparked global interest in new experiments between dance and theater, and this volume situates this interest in its historical context by extensively investigating other such moments: from pagan mimes of late antiquity to early modern archives to Bolshevik Russia to post-Sandinista Nicaragua to Chinese opera on the international stage, to contemporary flash mobs and television dance contests. Ideologically, the essays investigate critical race theory, affect theory, cognitive science, historiography, dance dramaturgy, spatiality, gender, somatics, ritual, and biopolitics among other modes of inquiry. In terms of aesthetics, they examine many genres such as musical theater, contemporary dance, improvisation, experimental theater, television, African total theater, modern dance, new Indian dance theater aesthetics, philanthroproductions, Butoh, carnival,

equestrian performance, tanztheater, Korean Talchum, Nazi Movement Choirs, Lindy Hop, Bomba, Caroline Masques, political demonstrations, and Hip Hop. The volume includes innovative essays from both young and seasoned scholars and scholar/practitioners who are working at the cutting edges of their fields. The handbook brings together essays that offer new insight into well-studied areas, challenge current knowledge, attend to neglected practices or moments in time, and that identify emergent themes. The overall result is a better understanding of the roles of dance and theater in the performative production of meaning.

LANGUAGE ARTS / CREATIVE WRITING / FOLKLORE Books for Growing Minds(tm) is very pleased to present "ANANSI is ANANSE!" in celebration of the story's completed translations in French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese for the year 2015. Now available on full-color paper for this "7th Edition Celebration" only, this delightful interactive folktale-drama (story) will now engage readers and all who have gathered around for the telling of this tale in four major world languages! Initially written by the author and published as Ananse Makes It So! (Why Spiders Hide In Corners) in a Simon and Schuster bestselling anthology on African and African American storytelling, this story has met much success and has been favored by children's librarians, university-level Drama and Literature classes and children's theater. The illustrations (photographed plates for this edition) were done by artist-nutritionist Verena Durrmeier. She perfectly renders the author's idea of depicting "non-threatening looking, cute, dancing spiders that even arachnophobes would not mind reading about." ANANSI is ANANSE! is an engaging "let's do" story that promises to be interactive fun for all. Back Cover. Author's Photo Credit: John Zeuli Photography. ~Books for Growing Minds(tm) SUMMARY: Rabbit decides to visit his friend, Anansi-the-Spider, whom he hasn't seen in quite a while. Wanting to celebrate their seemingly forever friendship, Rabbit invites Anansi to join him in making a drum. From his cozy hammock, Anansi refuses with excuses of being too sick to get involved with drum-making. Alone, Rabbit works hard at making his "friendship" drum. While Rabbit is resting from the day's hard work at drum-making, he soon finds Anansi playing his drum, the very same drum he was supposedly "too sick" to help make. Anansi ends up in an embarrassing situation, one that we all may come face to face with from time to time. ABOUT THE AUTHORA native of Philadelphia (PA), J'miah Nabawi's storytelling career was inspired by the legendary Mandinka Griot (Djeli), Djeliba Djimo Kouyate. This led to the meeting and befriending of Linda Goss (Mama Linda Goss), best-selling author and the "Official Storyteller of Philadelphia." Mama Linda Goss would eventually mentor J'miah onto the path of professional performance storytelling for which he is known today. His upbeat brand of storytelling reflects the story-dance-musical drama of Africa and its Diaspora. Bilingual in Spanish and a polyglot of sorts, J'miah also tells stories from around the world and is known to incorporate vocabulary, songs and text in the languages of Twi, Spanish, French, Chinese, Yoruba, Japanese and Ki-Swahili. J'miah's artistic involvement with children and youth in under-served rural and urban areas has been recognized with Proclamations / Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in Harrisburg, PA and by the City of Miami (Miami Dade City Council), Miami, FL. J'miah is also an esteemed recipient of the National Storytelling Network's "ORACLE Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership, Southeast Region" for his "exemplary leadership to his community through storytelling." ~ The Elijah Agency" J'miah's work passes on tradition, teaches language, and helps develop a love of storytelling. ANANSE Makes It So! Is a lively, appealing book and consistent with who he really is- which is why we've continued to use him over the years for our library programs." ~Judy Strong, Retired Youth Services Coordinator, Live Oak Public Libraries, Savannah, GA "Mr. Nabawi is one of Savannah's most visible and favored storytellers. He has been the community's choice for various festivities, with no barriers on race, ethnicity, or age. Whether it is through the Live Oak Public Libraries, Telfair Museum, local churches, schools, universities, the leadership and service that he continues to provide through his profession is legendary here amongst Savannahians." ~Dr. Otis S. Johnson, Former Mayor of Savannah, GA

Readers' theater is a powerful tool for developing reading fluency. Fluency is the ability to read quickly and accurately while using expression and proper phrasing. Fluent readers group words together in meaningful ways as they read. As readers improve fluency, they are able to focus on the meaning of the words they are reading- thus improving comprehension. A variety of scripts are provided to meet a range of reading levels. Students have opportunities to read individually, in pairs, and as a group. The scripts do not require costumes, props, or scenery. Book jacket. Perform this tale from Africa about a sky king's fee for his stories.

LANGUAGE ARTS / CREATIVE WRITING / FOLKLORE Books for Growing Minds present ANANSE Makes It So! The first in our series of publications for The ANANSE Reader, ANANSE Makes It So! was initially published in a best-selling Simon and Schuster anthology on African/African American storytelling (TALK THAT TALK) with much success. Ananse Makes It So! has been favored by children's librarians, university-level Drama and Literature classes, and children's theater. The illustrations (the original line drawings) were done by artist-nutritionist, Verena Durrmeier. She perfectly renders J'miah's idea of having "non-threatening looking, cute, dancing spiders that even arachnophobes would not mind reading about." ANANSE Makes It So! can be found with an interactive "Cultural Enrichment" section with NOTES pages under the title, Anansi is Ananse! (A 7th Edition Celebration). ANANSE Makes It So! is now available in French (Mais pourquoi les araignees se cachent dans les coins?) Spanish (Por que se esconden las aranas en las esquinas?) and as a Mandarin Chinese/English bilingual edition. ANANSE Makes It So! is consistent with our mission to promote oral traditions and world literature that encourage family time, play and character-building through the art of storytelling. This is a "let's do" story that promises to be fun for all. Books for Growing Minds SUMMARY: Rabbit decides to visit his friend Ananse, the spider-man, whom he hasn't seen in quite a while. Wanting to celebrate their seemingly forever friendship, Rabbit invites Ananse to join him in making a drum. From his cozy hammock, Ananse refuses with excuses of being too sick to get involved with drum-making. Alone, Rabbit works hard at making his "friendship" drum. While Rabbit is resting from the day's hard work at drum-making, he soon finds Ananse playing his drum, the very same drum he was supposedly "too sick" to help make. Ananse ends up in an embarrassing situation that has carried over to the spider family this very day, one that we all may come face to face with from time to time. . . .

When a young girl ventures through a hidden door, she finds another life with shocking similarities to her own. Coraline has moved to a new house with her parents and she is fascinated by the fact that their 'house' is in fact only half a house! Divided into flats years before, there is a brick wall behind a door where once there was a corridor. One day it is a corridor again and the intrepid Coraline wanders down it. And so a nightmare-ish mystery begins that takes Coraline into the arms of counterfeit parents and a life that isn't quite right. Can Coraline get out? Can she find her real parents? Will life ever be the same again?

Judy Freeman has developed a comprehensive handbook with thoroughly annotated lists of the 2006's best children's books, lesson plans, teacher's guides, stories, songs, and Internet resources. The Winners! Handbook starts with an extensive booklist of Judy's 100 best books of 2006, including many of the big award winners. (If you own Judy's Books Kids Will Sit Still For 3, it follows the same format. Indeed, you can consider the new Winners! Handbook the first update to that book.) Each entry includes a meaty and thoughtful annotation, a germ (a series of practical, do-able, useful, pithy ideas for reading, writing, and illustrating prompts and other activities across the curriculum); a useful list of exemplary related titles; and subject designations for each title to ascertain where the book might fit thematically into your curricular plan or program. There's also a title, author, and subject index for easy access. You find scores of useful and fun ideas, activities, lessons, and ways you can incorporate literature into every aspect of your day and your life. From story hour to school curriculum tie-ins, the many connections include strategies for comprehension, critical thinking skills, research, and problem-solving; songs, games, crafts, songs, plenty of great across-the-curriculum poetry, creative drama and Reader's Theater, storytelling, booktalking, and book discussion. Most of the books included are fabulous read-alouds, read-alones, and natural choices for Guided Reading, Literature Circles, or Book Clubs.

After Anansi the spider tricks Turtle in order to keep his dinner for himself, Turtle turns the tables on Anansi.

The reason why spiders have long thin legs.

Offers activities, strategies, and creative ideas for using nonsense rhymes, songs, chants, and folk literature to promote thinking, reading, and listening skills in young learners.

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In this sequel to the award-winning A Boy Is Not a Bird, a boy is exiled to Siberia during World War II. Based on a true story. Torn from his home in Eastern Europe, with his father imprisoned in a Siberian gulag, twelve-year-old Natt finds himself stranded with other deportees in a schoolyard in Novosibirsk. And he is about to discover that life can indeed get worse than the horrific two months he and his mother have spent being transported on a bug-infested livestock train. He needs to write to his best friend, Max, but he knows the Soviet police reads everyone's mail. So Natt decides to write in code, and his letters are a lifeline, even though he never knows whether Max will receive them. Every day becomes a question of survival, and where they might be shunted to next. When his mother is falsely arrested for stealing potatoes, Natt is truly on his own and must learn how to live the uncertain life of an exile. Practice being invisible as a ghost, change your name and identity if you have to, watch out for spies, and never draw the attention of the authorities. Even then, he will need luck on his side if he is ever going to be reunited with his family. Key Text Features author's note Illustrations map Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions). CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact). CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.6 Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.7 Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).

For a long time, many American educators and educational stakeholders have drawn their ideas for educational reforms from ideas generated in Europe and Asia for the changing

demographics of America's diverse classrooms. This book is therefore motivated by a bold attempt at advocating for the revision of existing pedagogic fora and the creation and addition of new fora that would provide for the inclusion of thoughts, perspectives and practices of African traditional oral literature in the pedagogical tools of content area classrooms especially in North America. The articles that are presented in this book provide theoretical frameworks for using African traditional oral literature and its various tenets as teaching tools. They bring together new voices of how African literature could be used as helpful tool in classrooms. Rationale for agitating for its use as ideal for pedagogic tool is the recurrent theme throughout the various articles presented. The book explores how educators, literacy educators, learners, activists, policy makers, and curriculum developers can utilize the powerful, yet untapped gem of African oral literature as pedagogical tools in content area classrooms to help expand educators repertoire of understanding beyond the 'conventional wisdom' of their pedagogic creed. It is a comprehensive work of experienced and diverse scholars, academicians, and educators who have expertise in multicultural education, traditional oral literature, urban education, children's literature and culturally responsive pedagogy that have become the focus of U.S. discourses in public education and teacher preparation. This anthology serves as part of the quest for multiple views about our 'global village', emphasizing the importance of linking the idea of diverse knowledge with realities of global trends and development. Consequently, the goal and the basic thrust of this anthology is to negotiate for space for non-mainstream epistemology to share the pedagogical floor with the mainstream template, to foster alternative vision of reality for other knowledge production in the academic domain. The uniqueness of this collection is the idea of bringing the content and the pedagogy of most of the genres of African oral arts under one umbrella and thereby offering a practical acquaintance and appreciation with different African cultures. It therefore introduces the world of African mind and thoughts to the readers. In summary, this anthology presents an academic area which is now gaining its long overdue recognition in the academia.

African culture, like many others around the world, is rich with tales of legendary animals and creatures. Readers of this captivating book will love learning about these fascinating stories, from that of Anansi, a cunning spider, to that of Grootslang, a creepy, cave-dwelling creature said to live in South Africa. The engaging stories are accompanied by colorful images and illuminating sidebars. Readers are taught to understand the meaning of legends but are also presented with information regarding the cultures these tales come from.

LANGUAGE ARTS / CREATIVE WRITING / FOLKLORE Books for Growing Minds(tm) present "ANANSI is ANANSE!", a delightful interactive folktale-drama (story) that will engage both the reader and all who have gathered around for the telling of this tale. Initially published as Ananse Makes It So!, this edition continues with our mission to publish books and articles that encourage family time and meaningful play. Through our publications, Books for Growing Minds(tm) is dedicated to supporting family literacy and healthy social interaction through the art of storytelling. This engaging story met much success when the author first wrote it in Simon and Schuster's bestselling anthology on African/African American storytelling and favored by children's librarians, university-level Drama and Literature classes, and children's theater. The illustrations (photographed plates for this edition) were done by artist-nutritionist Verena Durrmeier. She perfectly renders the author's idea of depicting "non-threatening looking, cute, dancing spiders that even arachnophobes would not mind reading about." Available in French and Spanish translations, ANANSI is ANANSE! is a "let's do" story that promises to be interactive fun for all. ~Books for Growing Minds(tm)"ANANSI is ANANSE! is one, powerful, little book. Not only does it so accurately and playfully depict the behavior of Ananse the spider-man, an ancient, timeless, folktale character, the book's Cultural Enrichment section after the story is rich with engaging information that will appeal to educators." ~ L. Logan, SUMMARY: Rabbit decides to visit his friend Anansi-the-spider whom he hasn't seen in quite a while. Wanting to celebrate their seemingly forever friendship, Rabbit invites Anansi to join him in making a drum. From his cozy hammock, Anansi refuses with excuses of being too sick to get involved with drum-making. Alone, Rabbit works hard at making his "friendship" drum. While Rabbit is resting from the day's hard work at drum-making, he soon finds Anansi playing his drum, the very same drum he was supposedly "too sick" to help make. Anansi ends up in an embarrassing situation, one that we all may come face to face with from time to time.ABOUT THE AUTHORA native of Philadelphia (PA), J'miah Nabawi's storytelling career was inspired by the legendary Mandinka Griot (Djeli), Djeliba Djimo Kouyate. This lead to the meeting and befriending of Linda Goss (Mama Linda Goss), best-selling author and the "Official Storyteller of Philadelphia." Mama Linda Goss would eventually mentor J'miah onto the path of professional performance storytelling for which he is known today. His upbeat brand of storytelling reflects the story-dance-musical drama of Africa and its Diaspora. Bilingual in Spanish and a polyglot of sorts, J'miah also tell stories from around the world and is known to incorporate vocabulary, songs and text in the languages of Twi, Spanish, French, Chinese, Yoruba, Japanese and Ki-Swahili. J'miah's artistic involvement with children and youth in under-served rural and urban areas has been recognized with Proclamations / Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in Harrisburg, PA and by the City of Miami (Miami Dade City Council), Miami, FL. J'miah is also an esteemed recipient of the National Storytelling Network's (Jonesborough, TN) "ORACLE Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership, Southeast Region" for his "exemplary leadership to his community through storytelling." ~ The Elijah Agency"The students at Jasper Elementary love J'miah. (The teachers at our school find him to be a full partner in curricular planning and implementation of lessons and units.) J'miah can tell stories, write and direct plays that are performed school-wide, teach small groups and make children laugh and smile. If he had a cape, he could fly . . . at least the children think so." - Dr. Kathleen Thompson, Retired Arts Educator/Director of Cultural Projects (Georgia Council for the Arts)

Act out the story of Anansi, a clever spider who completed a series of difficult tasks to win the Box of Stories, ensuring that everyone had the right to make and tell stories. Two spiders, a sky god, a fair, and a leopard are all a part of this story in the African jungle. This exciting tale of West African folklore teaches children about the cross-cultural need for storytelling. The roles in this script are written at different reading levels. This feature allows teachers to easily implement differentiation and English language learner strategies into instruction and assign specific roles to students in a way that accommodates individual reading skills. By using differentiation strategies, teachers can get all students involved and engaged in the same activity, whether they are struggling or proficient readers. Everyone can feel successful and can enjoy improving their fluency through performance! While performing this story with others, students can also practice interacting cooperatively and using expressive voices and gestures. With an accompanying poem and song for additional fluency practice, this script is a dynamic resource for your third and fourth graders. This colorful, leveled script is sure to get all students participating and confidently practicing fluency in a unique way.

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