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TRACEY HECHT'S first book in her critically acclaimed middle grade series, *The Nocturnals: The Mysterious Abductions*, was chosen



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Meet the Illustrators

JOSIE YEE is an award-winning illustrator and graphic artist specializing in children's publishing. She received her BFA from Arizona State University and studied illustration at the Academy of



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Art University in San Francisco. She lives in New York City with her daughter, Ana, and their cat, Dude.

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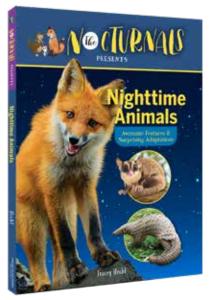
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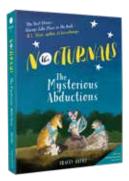
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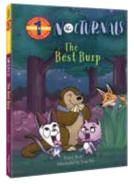
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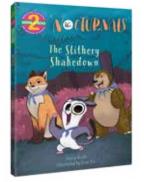


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Dawn can't find her friends! Where is Tobin, her scaly pangolin friend? And Bismark, the silly sugar glider? One by one, Dawn's friends appear, as does a juicy pomelo fruit from a tree above, which the three friends share.

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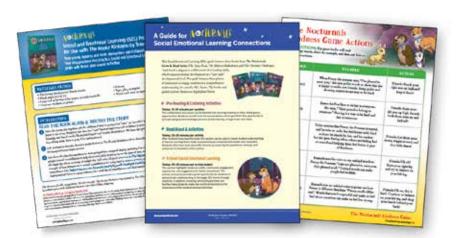




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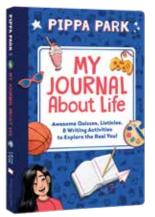
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Pippa Park Crush at First Sight #2

Pippa Park is starting to fit in as a scholarship student and basketball star at Lakeview Private. Eliot, her math tutor—and the cutest boy at school—is finally paying attention to her, and Marvel—her childhood friend—is making volunteering a lot more fun. The only thing she hasn't conquered is being completely accepted by the Royals, the popular girls that rule the school.

Now Pippa is faced with a challenge—planning and hosting the annual Christmas Eve party—that could make or break her social life with the Royals. When her family won't allow her to have the party due to expenses and when Pippa doesn't have the courage to tell the Royals because of a bully in their group, her life begins to spiral out of control. How will she host the party, find the perfect dress, and pick the right boy to invite?



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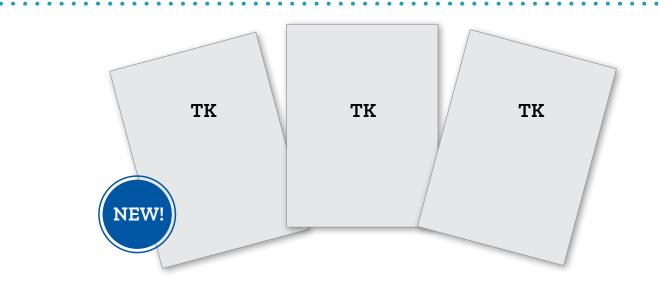


Common Core Language Arts Guide Written by Children's Literature Specialist and Retired Librarian Pat Scales

Contains lessons and activities that are aligned to the Common Core Standards including a pre-reading activity, classroom discussion, curriculum connections, vocabulary, and comparison to *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

Common Core Language Arts

- Discussion Questions for both books
- Vocabulary Words
- Activity Worksheet
- & More!



APPI Discussion Guide Developed with Children's Publishing Editor Erin Siu

This anti-racism resource of discussion questions is divided into sections on the Asian American Pacific Islander Experience, Pippa Park's Personal Lens, Bullying & Microagressions, and Extension Resources.

AAPI Discussion Guide

- Asian American Pacific Islander Experience
- Pippa Park's Identity & Personal Lens
- Bullying & Microagressions
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Pippa Park Summer Reading Programs





Tween Book Club Kit with Escape Room Developed by the Editors of Fabled Films Press

Engage kids at home and at school with this print-at-home kit. Includes Book Club Questions, Escape Pippa's Bedroom (Escape Room) Activity, writing activities, word games, crafts, and more. The Escape Pippa's Bedroom Activity is compatible with the Breakout EDU Subscription Kit or available by request from Fabled Films Press.

Book Club Kit

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- Escape Pippa's Bedroom Activity
- Music Inspiration Worksheet
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- Word Games
- Fortune Teller
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Virtual Author Program with Erin Yun Developed by Erin Yun with Children's Literature Specialist Gillian Engberg

Erin Yun's writing workshop centers on the use of the classic work *Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens, as the inspiration for the writing of her book and the influence her Korean American background had on her writing and character development. 30 minutes plus Q&A. Pre-recorded or Live.

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Praise for Tracey Hecht's Virtual Author Visit Program The Nocturnals Read Aloud Writing Workshop and The Nocturnals SEL Workshop



"Tracey Hecht is one talented writer and presenter. **She understands kids and how to connect with them,** both through her books and during a virtual author visit. Fabled Films Press made the entire process super easy!"

– Terri Franz, Librarian, Oak Street Elementary, Goddard, KS

"She is **thoughtful**, **engaging**, **enthusiastic**, **and inclusive** when speaking about her books and the writing process with children. I would recommend it to any educator."

-Amanda Thayer, Library Media Technician, Hawthorne Elementary, San Luis Obispo, CA

"To hold the attention of 9-year-olds for over an hour and leave them wanting more is quite a success!" Everyone, including the adults in the room, enjoyed the experience and learned a few things! The level of engagement increased, thanks to you!" -Daphne Amster, Grade 4/5 Teacher,

Edgewater Elementary, QC, Canada

"Tracey is most engaging in her presentations and **connects in such an authentic way** with students!"

Carissa O'Gara, Literacy Coordinator,
Book Companions Book Club, Moultonborough
School District, Moultonborough, NH

"Tracey was **an excellent speaker** who was able to keep the attention of the students. She has **a contagious passion for reading,** and it was evident in her presentation!"

-Connie Ankenbauer, Reading Specialist, Coon Rapids-Bayard School, Coon Rapids, IA

"We were blown away by Tracey! She is a wonderful speaker—**so energetic and very inspiring** for our students! The students and parents connected so strongly with *The Nocturnals*. **Some families said it was the first time they sat down all year to read together**."

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—Blanca Balli, Librarian, Oscar De La Fuente Elementary, San Benito, TX

"She is such an amazing author and such a giving interviewee. My students and I learned even more about Dawn, Tobin, and Bismark, and we look forward to reading anything else Tracey writes!"

–Bonnie Quinn, 4th Grade Teacher, Francis Scott Key Elementary, San Francisco, CA

"She was so positive and included them in the writing process so they were able to understand that even kindergarteners can be writers! It was a **wonderful experience** and I hope to do it again."

—Jill Kussel, Kindergarten Teacher, St Paul's Lutheran Grade School, Concordia, MO

"Our virtual author visit was the first time our whole school was together on Zoom after the closure and it was such a special experience. **Tracey connected with us instantly and we were enthralled with her tips and tricks for inspiring our young writers.**"

-Kristi Gile, Instructional Coach, Crownhill Elementary, Bremerton, WA All School Read with The Nocturnals: The Mysterious Abductions

"The sense of togetherness we built over the 3 1/2 weeks we read [*The Mysterious Abductions* for our All School Read] is something that **will be remembered fondly for years to come.** Wrapping up with a virtual visit with author Tracy Hecht is something our students and staff will not forget. **What a positive learning experience this is for any age leve!!**"

-Jayne Pleasant, Primary/Intermediate Librarian, Spring Hill Independent School District, Longview, TX All School Read with The Nocturnals: The Mysterious Abductions

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