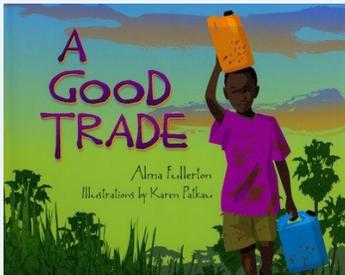




# Resources to Extend the Introductions of Blue Spruce Books 2014 In Your Classroom!



**Themes:** A look at life in Uganda, perhaps in a refugee camp?

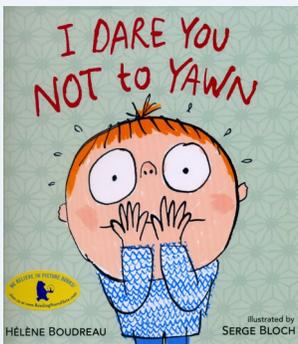
Inferencing activities galore!

Look at the cover. What do you think he will trade for? What is a good trade?

What do the pictures tell you about life in Uganda? Compare your life to their life

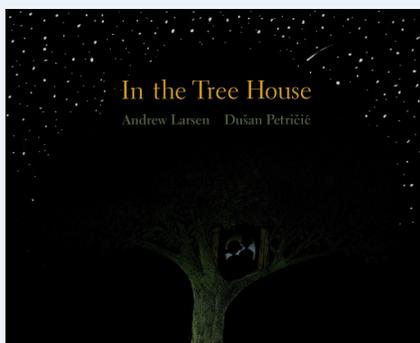
**Note for Teachers:** Beware the “One Story!” Is this the only way people in Uganda live?

[http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\\_adichie\\_the\\_danger\\_of\\_a\\_single\\_story.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story.html)



A great “if...Then...” story & it’s hard to get through without a yawn.

Extension: Create other if...then...ideas & act them out.



**Themes:** nature, community, plans & connecting

A boy finally gets his own tree house & over time notices isolation from stars (light pollution) & community (everyone in house with air-conditioning, computers and tv) until the power outage!

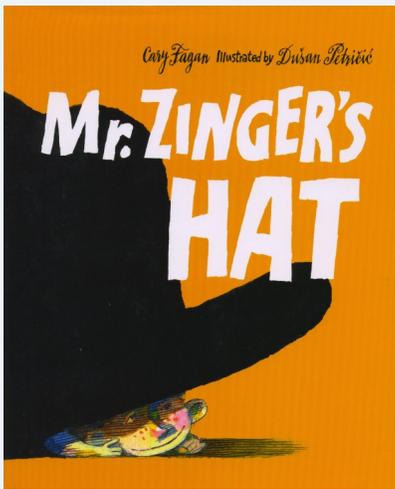
Extensions:

Who is in your neighbourhood?

What activities do you do with your neighbours.

How is a summer and winter power outage different & the same?

CURRENTLY IN DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR ABOUT AN AUTHOR VISIT!

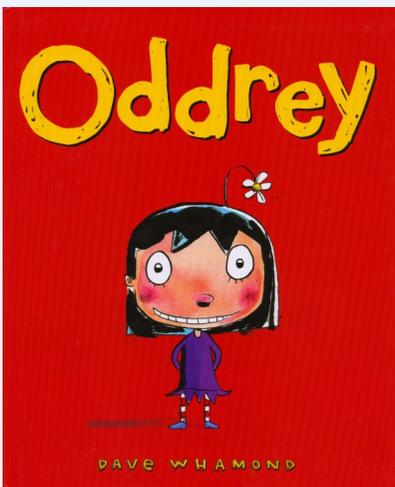


**Themes:** Creativity, Where do stories come from? Neighbours

Leo's ball hits his author neighbour and starts a conversation that it seems Leo will never forget as they discover the magic of building a story together.

Extension: Grab a book & read the first line. Have students play "Pass the story" and add to the story until they create a totally different one based on another.

Could be fun to have the teacher type the story as they tell it and compare the original & the classes.



**Themes:** Creativity & Authentic Self,

Oddrey Book Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4AViMhQyvo>

Dave Whamond is an author/illustrator & has created a character who does things her own way & over time receives recognition and recognition.

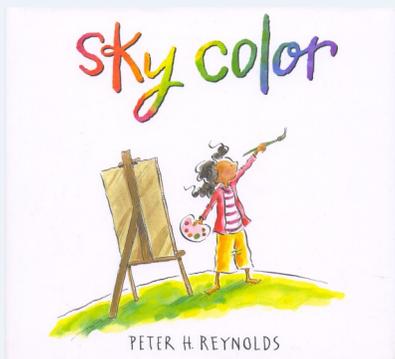
Extension:

What makes you you?

Check out the video of kids, Malcalm Brickhouse & Jarad Dawkins, who like to play Metal Rock even if other kids don't like it:

<http://thehive.com/2013/06/17/allow-me-to-present-easily-the-two-coolest-kids-of-this-week-video/>

Although the video is great with an excellent message, make sure it's on full screen due to interesting videos around it.



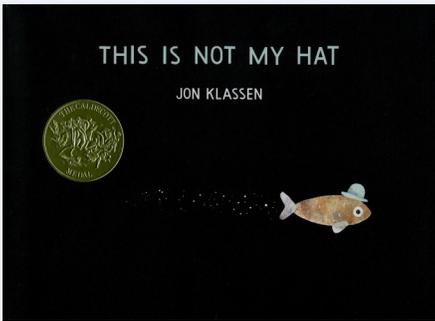
**Themes:** Creativity, Authentic Self & Ways of Seeing

This is [Peter Reynolds's](#) third book in the Creatilogy Series, including Ish and The Dot.

Marisol, the school artist, has chosen to paint the sky in her class mural, but there is no blue! What's a girl to do?

Extension: Students could examine the sky over different day & paint a sky the way they see it. It would be cool to have a display "My Sky is..."

Attached find a pdf filled with extension activities for Sky Color, by Peter Reynolds.

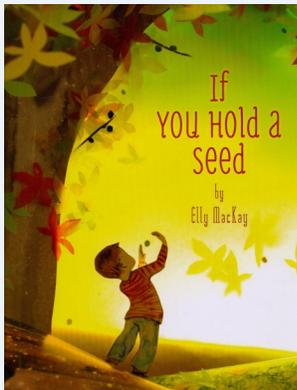


**Themes :** Justice & Justifications

Book Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MuDfdxES0Q>

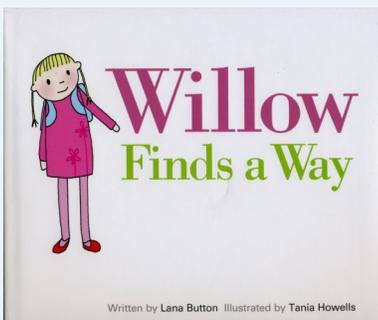
A classic tale with classic illustrations. If the hat doesn't belong to the small fish, who does it belong to & why does he have it? Who wants it back?

Extension: We all have excuses. What are some behaviours we aren't proud of and have created reasons to feel better about ourselves.



**Themes:** plants, life cycles, seasons, habitats

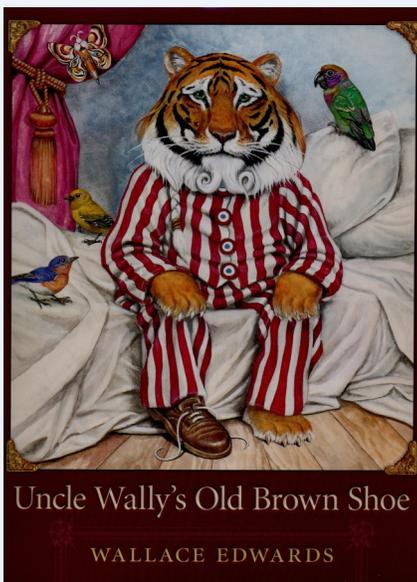
Elly McKay's first book is filled with gorgeous multi-media illustrations which you can explore on [her website](#). She also has a page with a detailed outline for teachers & students to [build a paper forest](#). Her love of nature can also be seen in the links she provides. [Real Trees 4 Kids](#) looks like a great plant/tree resources for teachers and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Check it out!



**Themes:** Upstanding , Exclusion as a bullying tactic

This follow up to Willow's Whispers was posted on the [2012 Publishers Weekly Selected Listing for Bullying Resources](#).

It is a great story of a girl who holds the precious invite to a birthday party over the head of all her classmates. You'll understand and ove how they react...all the way through to the end.



**Themes:** Creativity, Word Choice, Active Verbs

Wallace Edwards uses this Twelve Days of Christmas like circle story to display his delightfully detailed illustrations.

Extension:

Have your students pick 8 active verbs and 8 nouns.

Use the following pattern Wallace Edwards used to build your own story.

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_  
 (noun) (adjective) (noun)

That \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
 (verb) (noun)