

THE BEAR ATE YOUR SANDWICH

BY JULIA SARCONE-ROACH

ALFRED A. KNOPF, 2013

Synopsis

A bear is always seeking out new food. When a sandwich disappears, it may be that a bear is to blame. But what are the real facts in the story? Follow bear's journey as he wanders into the city. Is he the culprit of the missing sandwich? Or, did someone else devour that tasty tidbit?

Hooks

- Have you ever misplaced something and blamed the wrong person?
- How can you discover if someone is telling the truth in a story? What clues would you use to discover the truth?

About the Author

Julia Sarcone-Roach grew up in Arlington, Virginia. She writes and illustrated large format books. Her background includes studying film and animation at the Rhode Island School of Design. She created an animated film entitled "Call of the Wild". The film has participated in film festivals around the world. It has also won several awards. Currently, she resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Related Links

www.jsarconeroach.com

Connections

Other Popular Books by Julia Sarcone-Roach

Incredible Inventions: poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2009.

The Secret Plan/made by Milo, Henry + Harriet + Hildy, 2009.

Subway Story, 2011.

Other Books Like The Bear Ate Your Sandwich

Pizza. Frank Asch. Aladdin, 2015.

Finding Spring. Carin Berger. Greenwillow Books, 2015.

Virgil and Owen. Paulette Bogan. Bloomsbury, 2015.

Boom, Snot, Twitty this way that way. Doreen Cronin. Viking, 2015.

Room for Bear. Ciara Gavin. Knopf, 2015.

Bear and Hare go Fishing. Emily Gravett. Simon and Schuster Books for Young People, 2015.

Bear and Duck. Katy Hudson. Harper, 2015.

I Thought This Was a Bear Book. Tara Lazar. Aladdin, 2015.

Who Wants a Hug? Jeff Mack. Harper, 2015.

Story Night. Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury, 2015.

Activities

Design a sandwich

Set up a sandwich bar for a classroom or library tasting. Have a bread section, a filling section, and a sampling section. Provide gluten-free “breads” and fillings that can please a variety of palates. After the sandwiches are prepared, share the favorites that made the top ten list.

Sketch a map

Supplies needed: pieces of brown paper, marking pens, pencils, glue, and stickers.

Wad up a piece of brown paper. Smooth it flat. Create a map of bear’s journey from the forest to the city and his return. Draw a symbol to represent each stop. Design a map key for each of the symbols. Devise a measuring system to figure out how far the bear trudged. Add supplement symbols and items to make the journey more interesting for bear. Share your results with a partner.

Compare and contrast

Create a spreadsheet for each point of interest for bear’s journey. Assign a point system for each item. One column will rate the items from bear’s perspective. Columns two and three will feature the narrator and the owner of the sandwich. Which items rate higher for each character?

I'M MY OWN DOG

BY DAVID EZRA STEIN

CANDLEWICK PRESS, 2014

Synopsis

Dog is not owned by a human, he owns the human. Dog got a leash and leads his human around, teaches him to throw sticks, and cleans up after him. In spite of the trouble, Dog is the human's best friend.

Hooks

- Have you ever walked a dog? Sometimes do you feel the dog is walking you?
- Can pets teach humans tricks?
- If you could be a dog, what kind of dog would you be?

About the Author

David Ezra Stein was born in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Parsons School for Design for college, and took a Children's Book Writing course which convinced him to seek a career in writing children's picture books. He currently lives with his family, and Basta the cat, in Kew Gardens, New York. When he was young, he enjoyed reading and listening to his parents and grandparents read to him. His book, *Interrupting Chicken* was a 2011 Caldecott Honor book.

Related Links

Author's Website: <http://www.davidezra.com>

David Ezra Stein facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/David-Ezra-Stein/247841714647>

Q&A with David Stein:

<http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/authors/interviews/article/56438-q-a-with-david-ezra-stein.html>

Talking with David Ezra Stein:

<http://childrenscornerkm.blogspot.com/2014/11/talking-with-david-ezra-stein.html>

I'm my Own Dog:

http://bookweekonline.com/system/files/123/original/ImMyOwnDog_StoryHourKit.compressed.pdf

All about David Ezra Stein:

<https://sites.google.com/site/aalatzasarab/biography>

Connections

Other books by David Ezra Stein

Because Amelia Smiled

Cowboy Ned & Andy

Dinosaur Kisses

Interrupting Chicken

Leaves

Love Mouserella

Ned's New Friend

The Nice Book

Ol' Mama Squirrel

Pouch!

Tad and Dad

Other books like I'm My Own Dog

Agee, Jon. *It's only Stanley*. Dial Books for Young Readers 2015

Bailey, Linda. *Stanley's Wild Ride*. Kids Can Press 2006

Byrne, Richard. *This book just ate my dog*. Henry Holt and Company 2014

Crawley, Dave. *Dog Poems*. Wordsong 2007

Gal, Susan. *Please take me for a walk*. Alfred A. Knopf

Gravett, Emily. *Dogs*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2010

Jarka, Jeff. *Love that puppy*. Henry Holt 2009

Kennedy, Anne. *Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook*. Candlewick Press 2015

Laden, Nina. *The night I followed the dog*. Chronicle Books 1994

Martins, Isabel. *My Neighbor is a Dog*. Owl Kids Books 2013

Saltzberg, Barney. *I want a dog*. Robin Corey Books 2009

Swenson, Jamie. *If You Were a Dog*. Farrar Straus Giroux 2013

Thomas, Jan. *The Doghouse*. Harcourt 2008

Torrey, Richard. *My Dog, Bob*. Holiday House 2015

Zion, Gene. *Harry the Dirty Dog*. Harper Collins 2002

Activities

Balloon Puppy

Make a balloon puppy and take him for a walk

<http://www.thecrafttrain.com/1/post/2013/09/balloon-puppies.html>

Draw a picture

Draw a picture of yourself as 'your own dog', what would you do for fun?

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Make a path for friends to follow with giant dog paws

<http://patternuniverse.com/download/dog-paw-print-pattern/dog-paw-print-pattern>

Make a dog puppet mask.

http://www.firstpalette.com/tool_box/printables/dogmask.html

Physical challenges

Do dog yoga poses

<http://www.abc-of-yoga.com/yogapractice/dogpose.asp>

<http://www.yogajournal.com/pose/upward-facing-dog/>

Dance time

Sing along and dance to dog themed songs like:

Bingo

Happy Birthday song:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=dogs+singing+happy+birthday&&view=detail&mid=46F9BE040339DA13F32546F9BE040339DA13F325&FORM=VRDGAR>

Jingle bells: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCBhQCCyhTo

Walking the dog by Thomas

Make a cardboard doghouse

http://www.ehow.com/how_5081332_make-cardboard-doghouse.html

IT'S AN ORANGE AARDVARK

MICHAEL HALL, AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

HARPERCOLLINS (CHILDREN'S BOOKS), 2013

Synopsis (Goodreads)

Acclaimed *New York Times*-bestselling picture book creator Michael Hall delivers a funny and suspenseful story about colors, ants, aardvarks, and rainbows that will appeal to Lois Ehlert fans and fans of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle. Another winner from the author of *My Heart Is Like a Zoo*, *Perfect Square*, and *Cat Tale*!

Five carpenter ants at home in their tree stump hear a noise. What is it? One ant thinks it is a hungry aardvark lurking outside the stump, just waiting to eat them. One ant makes a hole in the stump to see. Orange light floods the stump—it's not an aardvark, proclaims the ant chorus. It's orange! So what is lurking outside the stump? This very funny picture book features die-cut holes on almost every page, suspenseful page turns, a wonderful surprise ending, and an introduction to a rainbow of colors. *It's an Orange Aardvark!* is a tour de force for Michael Hall, the acclaimed and bestselling creator of *My Heart Is Like a Zoo*, *Perfect Square*, and *Cat T*

About the Author/Illustrator

From HarperCollins Publisher

Michael Hall is an award-winning designer whose work has been widely recognized for its simple and engaging approach. He studied biochemistry and psychology at the University of Michigan and worked in biomedical research for several years before becoming a designer.

He is the creator of the *New York Times*-bestselling *My Heart Is Like a Zoo* and the acclaimed *Perfect Square*, *Cat Tale*, and *It's an Orange Aardvark!*. He is also the creative director of the Hall Kelley design firm. He lives with his family in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Hooks

- What's your favourite book with holes in it?

- What's the most annoying (non book) hole you've ever discovered?

COMMON CORE OBJECTIVES AND QUESTIONS

Recognize common types of text. Identify who is talking at various points in the story. Read common high-frequency words by sight (color words). Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening (interjections).

How does the author's word choice and language contribute to the tone of the story? Give examples. RL.1.4

How do you identify who is talking at different points in the story? RL.1.6

What makes a story fiction or nonfiction? What genre is *It's an Orange Aardvark!*? Write your answer and draw a picture. RL.1.5, W.1.8

RESOURCES & GUIDES

Teaching Guide to the Books of Michael Hall

This teaching guide, aimed at grades Pre-K through 3, contains Common Core-aligned discussion questions and classroom activities for Michael Hall's *It's an Orange Aardvark*. It also includes three printable activities—a homophone matching game, a counting activity, and a shape activity—for *Cat Tale*, *Perfect Square*, and *My Heart Is Like a Zoo*. [PDF]

[Download Resource](#)

Connections

If you liked *It's An Orange Aardvark*, check out:

Color Zoo Lois Ehlert

Red, A Crayon's' Story Michael Hall

Seven Blind Mice Ed Young

Carpenter Ants Tom Cromwell

Armando Armadillo Key Wilde

Activities

On Pinterest/It's An Orange Aardvark

Other activities from By the Book. which would go well with reading [It's an Orange Aardvark!](#) include:

Using an old detergent bottle to make an aardvark lamp. Sounds crazy, but you can see what I mean [here!](#)

Learning about ant behaviour. [Here's an absolutely fantastic ant activity pack created by The Invertebrate Conservation Trust.](#) This 26 page pack includes details of group games to play outside; they would be great for class learning and exploration. Trying your hand at ombré dyeing, where colours get gradually deeper and more intense – whether it's a [pillowcase](#) or [eggs](#) these are fun activities to try with your family.

RIBBIT!

BY RODRIGO FOLGUEIRA , ILLUSTRATED BY POLY BERNATENE

RANDOM HOUSE, 2012

Synopsis

A group of frog friends are happy living in their peaceful pond. One day a visitor arrives who is not a frog, but a little pink pig. Little pink pig sits contently in the middle of their pond. When he opens his mouth, "RIBBIT!" comes out. The frogs are confused and annoyed with the thought that the pig thinks he is a frog or they wonder if pig is making fun of them.

"What did that little pig just say?" "Does he think he's a frog?" "Is he making fun of us?"

Soon, all of the animals are curious to know what is going on with the pig. After much guessing and arguing and a visit to the wise old beetle, the animals come to the realization that maybe the pig just wanted to make new friends. But is it too late?

Hooks

- How do you feel when you try to make a new friend, but they do not want to be your friend?
- How are you and your friends different? How are you the same?
- Name three things that you like about your friends.
- What do you think that the frogs could have learned from the pig if they were willing to be his friend?
- Why do you think the pig said "RIBBIT!"? How do you think the pig would have responded if the frogs said "OINK!"?

About the Author

Rodrigo Enrique Folgueira was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He studied Art at "Escuela Nacional de Bellas Artes Prilidiano Pueyrredón", where he graduated as Painting National Professor and Sculpture National Professor. He works as an illustrator specializing in children's literature. For over ten years, he has been publishing books and magazines articles, and he has also been illustrating for didactic publications and advertising, in his country and abroad.

Related Links

Rodrigo Folgueira Website

<http://folgueirailustraciones.blogspot.com.ar/>

Ribbit! YouTube video presented by Murray Library Story Times

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvr1uAqXOHw>

Ribbit! YouTube video read by Angelina Jean, Librarian

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQm-1HiS_Oo

Connections

Other Popular Books by Rodrigo Folgueira

Bob the Dog. 2011.

Other Books Like Ribbit!

AH HA! Jeff Mack. Chronicle Books. 2013

Bear and Duck. Katy Hudson. Harpercollins Children's Books, 2015.

Duck, Duck, Moose! Sudipta Bardham-Quallen. Disney-Hyperion, 2014.

Found. Salina Yoon. Walker, Childrens, 2014.

Hooray for Hat! Brian Won. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2014.

Just a Duck? Carin Bramsen. Random House, 2015.

Little Quack's New Friend. Lauren Thompson. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006.

Otis. Loren Long. Philomel Books, 2009.

Ribbit!: Flip and See Who Froggy Can Be. Bender and Bender. Harper Collins, 2007.

Stick! Andy Pritchett. Candlewick Press, 2013.

This Little Chick. John Lawrence. Candlewick Press, 2002.

Activities

Frog Crafts and Activities for Children

DTLK has created free craft ideas and printables to be used with younger children.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/frogs.htm>

Frog Poems and Songs

Kidzone has listed frog poems and songs that can be used in the classroom or the library.

<http://www.kidzone.ws/lw/frogs/activities-songs.htm>

Danielle's Place (frog themes)

Danielle's Place provides a list of several frog-themed crafts and learning activities for children.

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/frogcrafts.html>

Pig Crafts and Activities for Children

DTLK has created free craft ideas and printables to be used with younger children.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/pigs.htm>

Pig Poems, Songs and Rhymes

Preschool Express provides a list of several pig-themed poems, songs and rhymes.

<http://www.preschooexpress.com/music-station12/pigs-songs-may.shtml>

Danielle's Place (pig themes)

Danielle's Place provides pig-themed crafts and learning activities for children.

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/Pig-crafts-and-learning-activities-for-kids.html>

Step by Step CC

Step by Step provides pig-themed book lists, crafts, songs and fingerplays.

<http://stepbystepcc.com/animals/pigs.html>

SAM AND DAVE DIG A HOLE

BY MAC BARNETT

CANDLEWICK PRESS, 2014

Synopsis

Sam and Dave are on a mission. A mission to find something spectacular. So they dig a hole. And they keep digging. And they find...nothing. Yet the day turns out to be pretty spectacular after all.

Attentive readers will be rewarded with a rare treasure in this witty story of looking for the extraordinary---and finding it in a manner you'd never expect. (Amazon)

About the Author

Mac Barnett is the New York Times bestselling author of over 20 books for children. When growing up in central California Mac was obsessed with books. His favorite book as a child was *The Stupids Step Out*. Barnett graduated from Pomona College, where he studied literature under David Foster Wallace. Mac Barnett now edits "The Goods", a McSweeney's compendium of kid's games, puzzles, comics and stories created by artists and writers for newspapers across the country. Barnett's books *Extra Yarn* and *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, both illustrated by Jon Klassen, are winners of a Caldecott Honor and the E.B. White Read-Aloud Award. He also writes the Brixton Brothers series of mysteries, and *The Terrible Two* novels. Mac Barnett lives in Oakland, California.

Related Links

Mac Barnett's official website, <http://www.macbarnett.com/about-mac/>

Mac Barnett's TED talk,

https://www.ted.com/talks/mac_barnett_why_a_good_book_is_a_secret_door?language=en

Interviews with Mac Barnett,

<http://www.artofthepicturebook.com/-check-in-with/2014/7/20/an-interview-with-mac-barnett>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uW9mhEbRIBI&sns=em>

Book trailer for Sam and Dave Dig a Hole,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBJVZuMd6R8&sns=em>

Educator's Guide

Connections

Other Popular Books by Mac Barnett

Extra Yarn 2012.

The Terrible Two 2015

The Case of the Mistaken Identity 2009

Leo: A Ghost Story 2015

Battle Bunny 2013

Activities(Candlewick Press)

Sam and Dave Dig a Maze

Sam and Dave set out on an adventure to dig for something spectacular. Children will have a similar experience with this activity. Play a game with the group by having the children seek out an object. Select one student to blindfold. Then place the object somewhere in the room. The remaining children may take turns directing the blindfolded child to the location of the object. For example, "take two steps left," "walk forward", "stop", and so on. This activity will get the children moving and enforce the concept of left versus right and listening skills. As a follow up activity, distribute some paper mazes for the children to try.

Something Spectacular

Although Sam and Dave do not find the hidden jewels, they still find something spectacular at the end of the story.

Ask the children what made their adventure spectacular. Ask: What types of activities do you find exciting? If you were to dig to find something spectacular, what would you hope to find? In their notebooks or on paper, have the children describe and illustrate their own search for something spectacular.