

EXPLORE MORE BOOK GUIDE

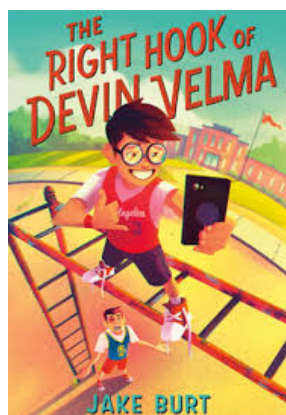
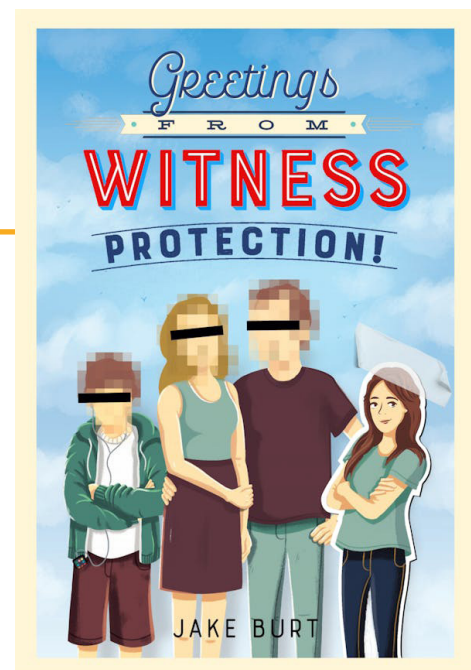
Activities, tools & resources for learning with this book!



Meet the author

Jake Burt loves writing so much that when he's not telling tales for middle grade readers, he's writing the news for them.

You might say he's a little obsessed. In fact, if you thought of Jake as a one-dimensional guy who ate, breathed, and dreamed stories, he'd be fine with that. Learn more about Jake [HERE](#).



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LET'S BEGIN! BEFORE READING THE BOOK

Use the Visual Thinking Strategy (VTS) questions below to orient readers, and to help guide a group discussion. Begin by taking a quiet moment to look closely at the book jacket, allowing time for observation and contemplation of the images.

- *What is going on in this picture?*
- *What do you see that makes you say that? (provide evidence)*
- *What more can we find?*

Watch this [VIDEO](#) for a quick VTS demo

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Alison Johnson at Island Readers & Writers, 207-460-6828 or ajohnson@islandreadersandwriters.org.

LET'S TALK! Discussion Questions

1. Nicki had to choose her new name but she had some parameters to think about when making her decision. Taking her instructions into consideration, what name would you choose if you were in her place and why?
2. Why did Charlotte (Nicki) steal the ring from Harriet? Why doesn't she give it back?
3. When Britt gets bullied, Charlotte comes to her rescue. On p 150 she asks if Nicki would have handled it differently. What do you think? Would Nicki be the same nice kid as Charlotte? Would you?
4. Page 196 ends with Charlotte saying, "...I'm finally not the only orphan in the library without a tale to tell." What does she mean by this?
5. Charlotte and Jackson have to redo their "B" grade homework for their parents and turn it into an "A". Do you think this would be hard or easy after doing it the first time? Why do you think they are upset about this?
6. What does it mean to be "seen". Read page 257 where Brit is sharing how she doesn't feel seen but Nikki actually sees her. Discuss with your peers. Has anyone ever felt like Brit did?

STANDARDS Covered throughout this Explore More Book Guide:

SL.1. Prepare for and participate in conversations across a range of topics, types, and forums, building on others' ideas and expressing their own.

SL.2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

SL.3 Present information and supporting evidence appropriate to task, purpose, and audience so listeners can follow the line of reasoning and incorporate multimedia when appropriate.

R.4. Read various texts closely to determine what each text explicitly says and to make logical inferences; cite specific textual evidence to support conclusions drawn from the texts.

R.5 Provide an accurate summary of various texts; determine the central idea(s) or theme(s) and analyze its development throughout each text.

R.6. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

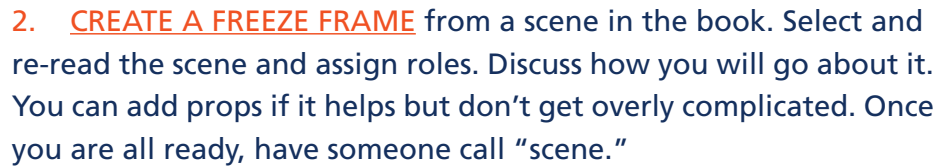
R.8 Analyze the structure of various texts, including how the features and components relate to each other and the whole.

R.9. Assess how perspective or purpose shapes the content and style of various texts.

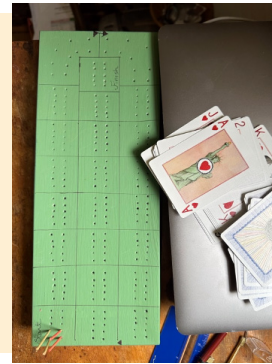
SHOPPING LIST

- Low backsholes for underneath the window
- a good winter jacket
- Tennis balls
- Camfy socks
- at least 10 shirts to make 10 match
- Flue shirts
- Two rice dresses
- A letter toothbrush
- Eggs
- New phone for Jackson
- Cheesecake
- More underwear
- More pairs of jeans
- Hair ties
- Sweetbites with big pockets (NO. 60) (YES)
- Backpack for school
- Rug for room
- New earrings
- Crystals (arts and crafts store)
- Shorts
- A funky belt
- Pigskin (silk)
- Pillow
- Shorts
- Notebook
- A binder
- Florida pants
- Cereals of Harco
- Can't afford a Kindle
- Sunglasses
- SHOES
- More underwear
- Several slippers
- Slippers
- Hairbrush
- Other stuff

- ### Write a Story Using Freeze Frames



Research the game and find out when it was created, by whom, and where. Why is it called "cribbage?". Make your own cribbage board. Use cardboard and create a personalized design. What can you use for pegs? Designs can be anything, a number, name, baseball diamond, mountain... Here are some **IDEAS**.

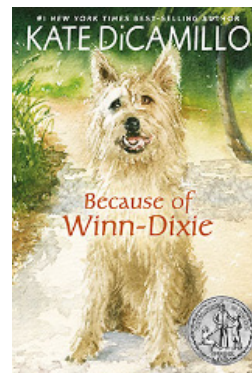
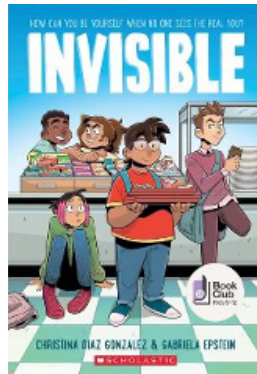
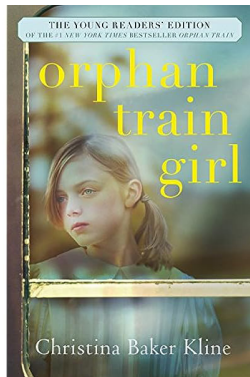


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- A child's drawing of a garden. At the top, a blue sky with white clouds is visible. Below the sky is a green archway labeled "GARDEN". Inside the archway, a small white bird is flying. To the right of the archway, the word "Caden" is written in blue. Below the archway, there are several rows of vegetables. On the left, there are three carrots. In the middle, there are three purple eggplants. On the right, there are three red tomatoes. To the far right, there is a scarecrow made of straw, wearing a hat and having a face drawn on it. The ground is brown and textured. There are also some small red ladybugs scattered around the vegetables.

LET'S DIVE DEEPER! Explore More

1. Another [GUIDE](#) for this book put together by the State Library of Louisiana.
2. [WATCH](#) a CIA Operative Explains How Spies Use Disguises.

READ MORE! Text to Text Connections



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The 5 Rules of WITSEC

(The U.S. Witness Security Program)

1. No crimes
2. Maintain a B-minus
3. No social media or online presence
4. No personality, clean moderate appearance, stay boring
5. Happy family, respectful, caring front in public