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### **ABOUT TRACEY HECHT:**

Tracey Hecht is a writer and entrepreneur. The American Booksellers Association chose *The Mysterious Abductions*—the first book in her critically acclaimed four-book middle-grade series *The Nocturnals*—as a Kids' Indie Next List pick. In partnership with the New York Public Library, she created a Read Aloud Writing Program that has since been used in hundreds of schools, libraries, and bookstores. *The Nocturnals* is currently in development as an animated series by Warner Brothers Discovery.

Tracey has since expanded the series to include eight Grow & Read early reader books so that families with young children can share the reading experience together. Last year, she published two nonfiction companion books for both age groups so that they can learn about the unique features and adaptations of nocturnal animals that inspired the series. *Nighttime Animals: Awesome Features & Surprising Adaptations* received the Children's Book Council Teacher Favorites Award for 2023.

A sought-after speaker, Tracey led a webinar for the American Association of School Librarians on the benefits of reading aloud, and she was on an in-person AASL panel, *Rollicking Read-Alouds*. She has worked with the Quebec Writers' Federation to expand their diverse writers' program and appeared as a panelist for the American Booksellers Association's ABC Children's Institute, where she focused on running successful virtual author visits. When she isn't writing, she can be found hiking, reading, or spending time with her family. Tracey currently splits her time between New York City and Oquossoc, Maine, with her husband and four children.



# NECTURNALS



# Meet The Nocturnals

In the critically acclaimed book program, we meet three unlikely animal friends—Dawn, Tobin, and Bismark. The Nocturnals solve unpredictable mysteries, meet new friends, and learn life skills in the fun-filled early reader and middle grade series. New nonfiction connects readers to the animal science in the fiction books.



## DAWN THE FOX

Delicate in manner, but strong in wisdom.





## BISMARK THE SUGAR GLIDER

Tiny in height, but grand in gesture.





#### **TOBIN THE PANGOLIN**

Armored with scales, yet tender at heart.



## Meet The Author

TRACEY HECHT is the author of The Nocturnals. In partnership with the New York Public Library, she created a Read Aloud Writing Program that has since been conducted in hundreds of schools and libraries nationwide. Tracey currently splits her time between New York City and Oquossoc, Maine, with her husband and four children.

## **Endorsements**

"A good series for children who love reading, science, and want to learn more on their own."

-School Library Journal

"A delightful adventure about the power of uncommon traits and the joys of newfound friendship."

-Kirkus Reviews

"The characters are humorous and well developed, and the fast-moving plot features intrigue and unexpected twists."

-Booklist

"A welcoming introduction to nighttime animals that celebrates biodiversity."

-Foreword Reviews

"An adventure worth reading, filled with excitement, danger, suspense, and surprise."

-School Library Connection

"Hecht successfully set the stage for more adventurous outings down the road."

-Publishers Weekly

## Free Resources for Schools and Libraries

Materials to Connect Reading, Science, and Fun! Download from NocturnalsWorld.com

#### **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

- Common Core Language Arts Guides by Pat Scales, MLS: MG & ER
- Next Generation Science Guides by Erica Colon, PhD: MG
- Nonfiction Interactive Read Aloud Guide by Kathy Renfrew, NBCT: ER

## READ ALOUD WRITING WORKSHOP

- Interactive Workshop includes developing characters based on animal physiology
- Tracey Hecht created in partnership with NYPL



Watch Tracey's Author Workshop Now!

#### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMS

- SEL Curriculum Guide by Dawn Jacobs Martin, PhD: ER
- Kindness Game by Joyce M. Grossbard, LCSW: ER
- Listening Ears Respect Craft by Gillian Engberg: ER

#### SUMMER READING ACTIVITY KIT

- Turnkey Activities include: Discussion Questions, MG Word Games & ER Sight Word Games
- STEAM Activities include: Character Mask Craft, Endangered Animal Fact Bingo, Animal Feature Cards