

# The NOCTURNALS

## Read Aloud Writing Workshop with Tracey Hecht



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Part One:  
Inspiration

# What Inspires You?



Music?

Food?



# Inspiration for The Nocturnals



Complaining and  
Nighttime!



# Nocturnal



# Find Inspiration.. Everywhere!



Music

Food

Boredom

What inspires *you*?

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Pause for Discussion  
& Questions about  
Inspiration





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Part Two:  
Character  
Development



# Red Fox



- Scientific name: *Vulpes vulpes*
- Physical traits: Reddish-orange fur with pointy ears
- Behavioral traits: Can run up to 29 miles per hour and jump up to 6.5 feet high

# Dawn the Fox

Wise

Leader



Mindful

Serious

# Pangolin



- Scientific name: *Manis javanica*
- Physical traits: Body armor of keratin scales for protection; long tongues!
- Behavioral traits: Solitary, timid creatures
- Critically endangered



# Tobin the Pangolin

Caring

Shy



Thoughtful

Gentle



# Sugar Glider



- Scientific name: *Petaurus breviceps*
- Physical traits: Big eyes! Tiny body with a gliding membrane from its forefoot to its ankle
- Behavioral traits: Can glide up to 150 feet

# Bismark the Sugar Glider

Bold

Charming



Outgoing

Confident

# Characters in Action!



**Wise Dawn**

**Caring Tobin**

**Bold Bismark**



# Get to Know Your Characters





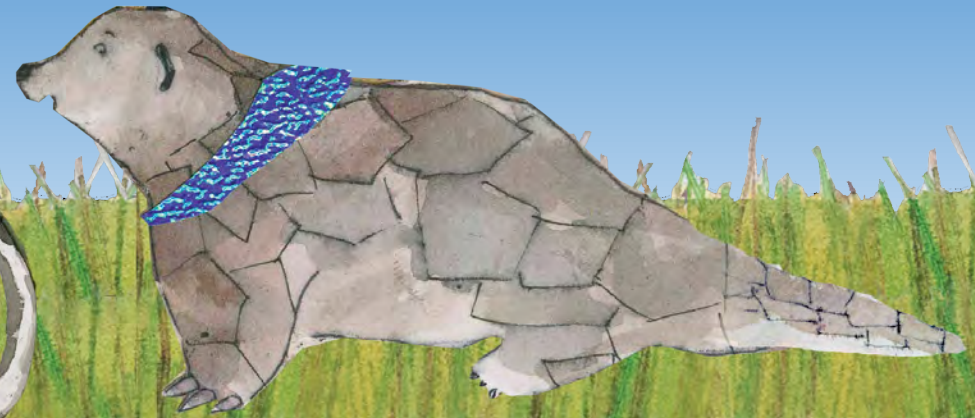
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## Part Three: Voice



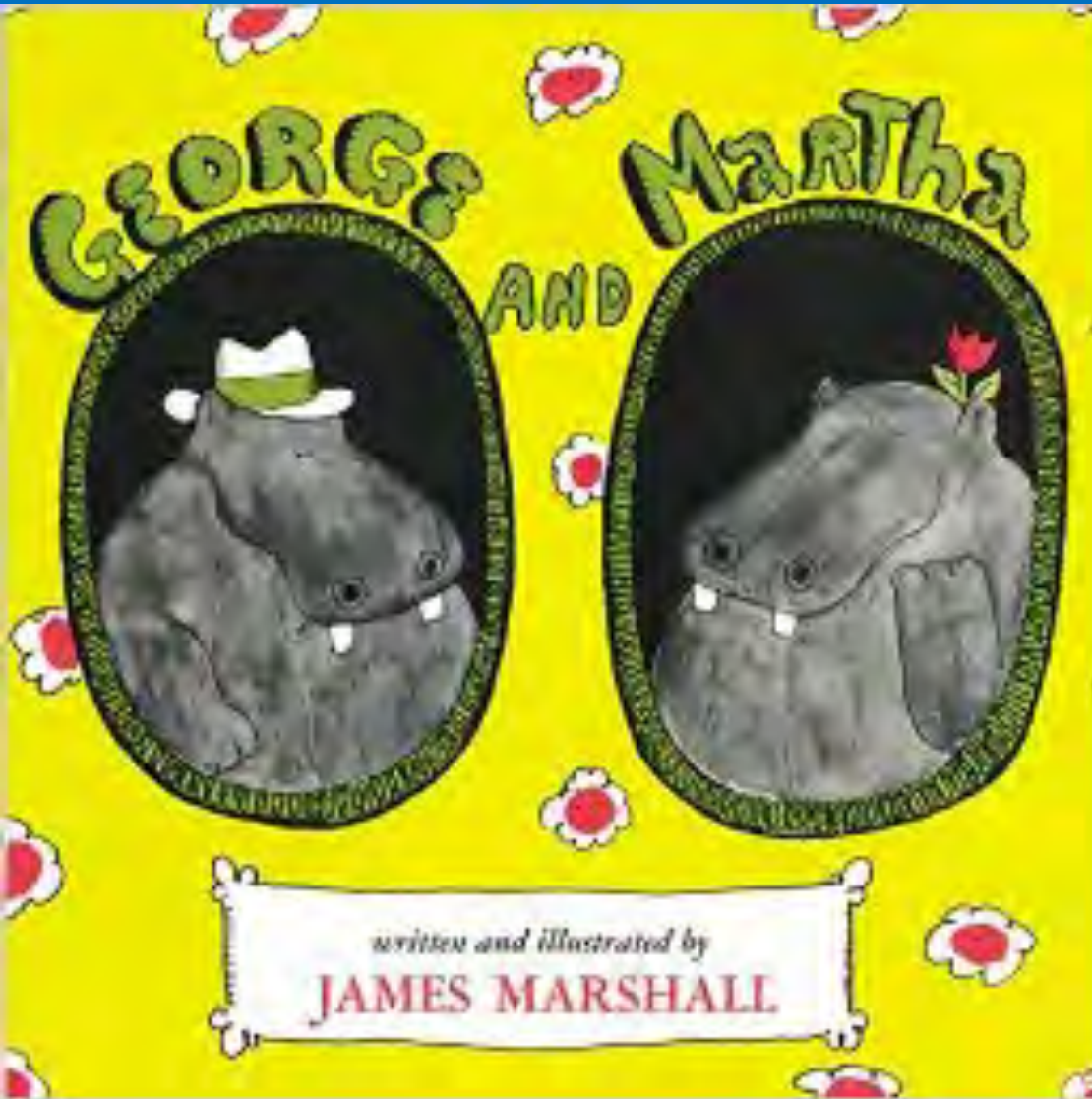
# What Is Voice?

Distinct storytelling in  
a book series or by an author





# Voice: James Marshall



“That’s silly,” said Martha.  
“Friends should always tell each other the truth. As a matter of fact, I don’t like split pea soup very much myself.”

– *George and Martha: Split Pea Soup* by James Marshall,  
Page 12



# Voice: Roald Dahl



“Whips!” cried Veruca Salt. “What on earth do you use whips for?”

“For whipping cream, of course,” said Mr. Wonka. “How can you whip cream without whips? Whipped cream isn’t whipped cream at all unless it’s been whipped with whips.”

– *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by  
Roald Dahl, Page 131

# Your Turn!

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**Can you guess the author?**

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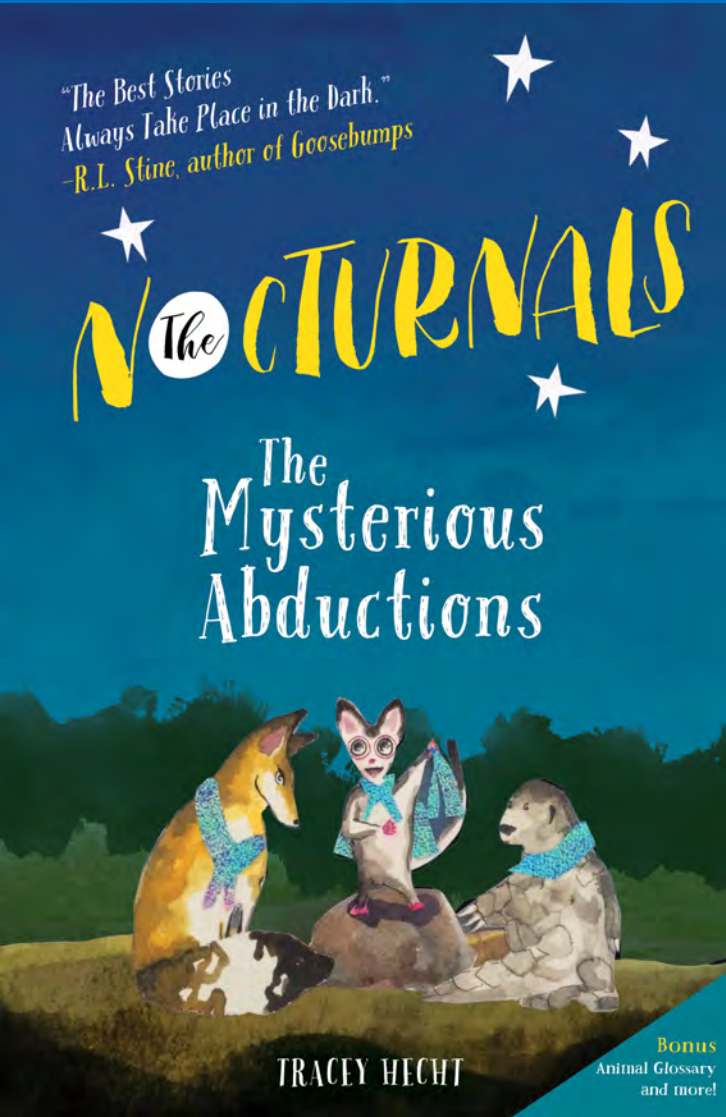
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# Voice: The Nocturnals



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– *The Mysterious Abductions* by Tracey Hecht, Page 25

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## Word Count

Bismark: 31

Tobin: 14

Dawn: 5

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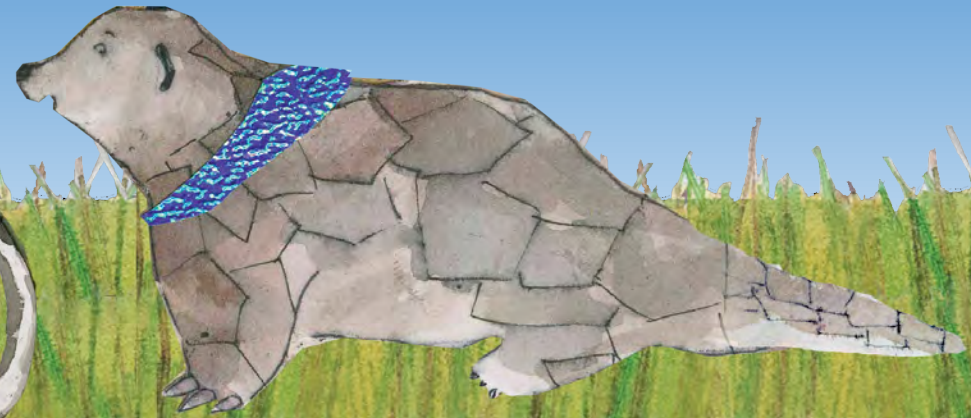
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