

The Nocturnals SEL Book Program

Fabled Films Press and author Tracey Hecht partnered with educators to develop Social Emotional Learning (SEL)-specific programming to support the themes found in *The Nocturnals Grow & Read* series. The book program was developed under the supervision of reading specialists to develop kids' reading skills while emphasizing the delight of storytelling and introducing SEL concepts.



Free SEL Programming



SEL Educator Guide & Activities

For use with *The Tasty Treat*, *The Slithery Shakedown*, and *The Chestnut Challenge*, *The Nocturnals* SEL guide features three phases of instruction to engage students in a comprehensive understanding of book-specific SEL themes that include kindness, courage, and honesty. Written by Dawn Jacobs Martin, PhD. Other SEL programming from *The Nocturnals* includes *The Kindness Game* and a play-based imagination activity.

SEL Workshop with Tracey Hecht

Based on the SEL Educator Guide for *The Slithery Shakedown*, Tracey Hecht's Virtual SEL workshop explores courage through storytelling. Using examples from both the book and real life, Hecht explores how we are brave every day. Available live or pre-recorded.



Visit NocturnalsWorld.com to download our SEL resources or contact events@fabledfilms.com for help scheduling a SEL event for your library, classroom, or book club. For ages 4-8.

Explore The Nocturnals World

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*

“This tale uses plenty of important vocabulary words, easily decipherable within context, while showing how friends who stick together can face down even the meanest bully.”

–*Booklist*

“An entertaining story of friendship and sharing, and educates us about those who are different from us.”

–*Story Monsters Inc.*



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

–*Publishers Weekly*

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

–*School Library Connection*



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Middle Grade Books for Ages 7-12

Meet The Nocturnals

In the critically acclaimed early reader and middle grade series, we meet three unlikely friends—Dawn, a serious fox, Tobin, a sweet pangolin, and Bismark, a pint-sized sugar glider. The fun-filled adventures continue with captivating plot twists and plenty of humor as the Nocturnal Brigade meets new friends and learns life skills like kindness, courage, and honesty.



Meet The Author

TRACEY HECHT'S first book in her critically acclaimed middle grade series, *The Nocturnals: The Mysterious Abductions*, was chosen as a Kid's Indie Next List pick by the ABA.

In partnership with the NYPL, Tracey created a Read Aloud Writing Program that she has since conducted in over 150 schools, libraries, and bookstores across the country. Tracey currently splits her time between New York City and Oquossoc, Maine, with her husband and four children.



Meet The Illustrator

JOSIE YEE is an award-winning illustrator and graphic artist specializing in children's publishing. She received her BFA from Arizona State University and studied illustration at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She lives in New York City with her daughter, Ana, and their cat, Dude.



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The Nocturnals Grow & Read Early Reader Books Support Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum



The Best Burp

SEL Themes: Respect for Others, Honesty

Bismark and a bat named Bink are playing a game—who can make the loudest burp! Tobin thinks both burps are good! Dawn hears the burps and asks who is burping. Bismark and Bink blame Tobin! Dawn tells them that burps are natural and that blaming others isn't how to be your best self.

Grow & Read Level 1
Lexile Ranking 380L
Fountas & Pinnell K
Professional Reviews:
Booklist 5/2020 Online
SLJ 10/2020 Online

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The Tasty Treat

SEL Themes: Problem Solving, Sharing

Dawn can't find her friends! Where is Tobin, her scaly pangolin friend? And Bismark, the silly sugar glider? One by one, Dawn's friends appear, as does a juicy pomelo fruit from a tree above, which the three friends share.

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The Moonlight Meeting

SEL Themes: Friendship, Sharing

Tobin finds a tasty pomelo that Bismark thinks he stole from his pomelo tree. Dawn meets both animals as they are discussing who should get the pomelo. She convinces Bismark and Tobin to share the pomelo, and a friendship is formed.

Grow & Read Level 2
Lexile Ranking 480L
Fountas & Pinnell L
Professional Reviews:
Booklist 9/14/2019 Online
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eBook ISBN: 978-1-944020-39-2



The Peculiar Possum

SEL Themes: Accepting Differences, Empathy, Kindness

Dawn, Tobin, and Bismark encounter strange sounds and smells in the valley. When an unfamiliar animal appears, Bismark is not pleased! But soon Bismark and the Brigade learn that being peculiar is also a reason to be proud.

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Lexile Ranking 470L
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The Slithery Shakedown

SEL Themes: Bullying Prevention, Bravery, Teamwork

The Brigade comes across a big bully snake who wants to eat Bismark for breakfast! Bismark is frightened, but he, Tobin, and Dawn stand up to the big bully snake by using their words. In the process, they find themselves some spectacular snakeskin capes!

Grow & Read Level 2

Lexile Ranking 440L

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The Chestnut Challenge

**SEL Themes: Good Sportsmanship,
Playing Games for Fun, Forgiveness**

The Brigade is playing a game of Chestnuts when Chandler, a conniving chinchilla, challenges Tobin for the title of Chestnut Champion. However, after a series of strange distractions occur, the Brigade begins to suspect that something is not quite right. Chandler is a competitive chinchilla...but could he also be a cheater?

Grow & Read Level 3

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Fountas & Pinnell N

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The Kooky Kinkajou

**SEL Themes: Using Your Imagination,
Accepting New Ideas**

Bismark's bored! The sugar glider complains to his friends—Dawn and Tobin—that there's nothing to do! So when Karina the kinkajou comes along, Bismark and the rest of the Nocturnal Brigade get a lesson on using their imaginations. Soon the three nocturnal friends are following Karina and a "sparkle sprite," a.k.a. a firefly, over rivers, under waterfalls, and to the end of a rainbow.

Grow & Read Level 3

Lexile Ranking 500L

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The Weeping Wombat

**SEL Themes: Expressing Feelings and
Emotions, Empathy**

Walter the wombat is whimpering under a willow tree. Walter tells the Nocturnal Brigade that the other wombats call him a wimp because he weeps. The Nocturnal Brigade tell Walter that weeping is just another way of expressing how we feel and that, like a good laugh, a good weep can feel great.

Grow & Read Level 3

Lexile Ranking 490L

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