



The NOCTURNALS



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. The companion nonfiction books explore the animal science behind the series.



DAWN THE FOX

Delicate in manner but strong in wisdom



TOBIN THE PANGOLIN

Armored with scales yet tender at heart



BISMARK THE SUGAR GLIDER

Tiny in height but grand in gesture



Meet The Author

TRACEY HECHT is the author of the critically acclaimed early reader and middle grade book series *The Nocturnals*. She is a member of the Every Child a Reader Board and received the 2025 GO Project Community Impact Award.

Tracey is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Education at Bank Street College. Tracey 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*

Pair Fiction & Nonfiction for Kids Who Love Unusual Animals

Free Resources to Connect Reading, Science & Fun!

EDUCATOR 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
- Created by Tracey Hecht in partnership with NYPL

Watch Tracey Hecht’s Author Program Commercial: bit.ly/watch_hecht

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

TURNKEY ACTIVITY KIT

- Book Club Questions, Word Games, Coloring Pages, and Crafts
- STEAM Activities include: Animal Mask Crafts, Build a Mini Habitat Diorama, Habitat Research Graphic Organizer, 3D Habitat Coloring Page

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Early Reader Books for Ages 4-8

Join Dawn, Tobin, and Bismark in delightful stories that introduce emerging readers to SEL/CASEL 5 Competencies. The books use sight words, textual repetition, and colorful illustrations to grow reading skills.



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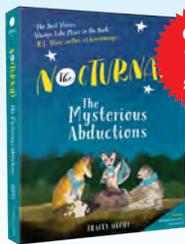
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Books include Bonus Nocturnals Fun Facts!

Middle Grade Books for Ages 9-12

The fun-filled adventures feature captivating plot twists and plenty of humor as the Nocturnals solve the unpredictable mysteries of the night.



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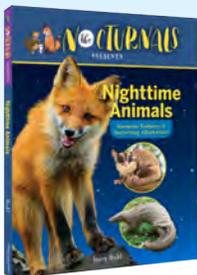
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Connect kids to the science behind *The Nocturnals*! Jam-packed with fun facts, color photos, and a fiction narrative to support learning.



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