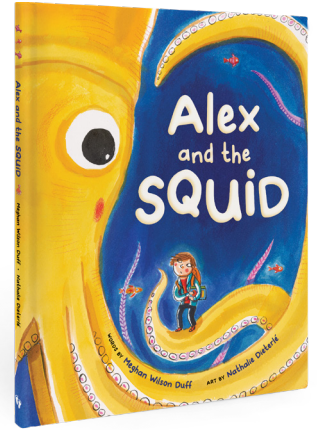




Alex and the Squid Discussion Guide

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Alex loves books, but he doesn't have any money to spend at the school book fair. How do you think Alex feels when he sees other students buying books?
2. Have you ever seen a book at the school book fair that you really wanted? What was it about?
3. Alex wanted the book so much that he just took it without thinking. Have you ever had a time when you did something that made sense or felt good, but later you felt differently about it?
4. After taking the book, Alex dreams of the giant golden squid. At first, Alex feels peaceful and happy to meet the squid in his dreams, but later he dreams of the squid being attacked by a sperm whale. What do you think that represents?
5. The story includes information about different cephalopods. What is something you learned about these creatures? If you could have one cephalopod ability, which would you choose and why?
6. The story implies that Mr. Lautan knew Alex had taken the book. Why do you think he didn't say anything to Alex?
7. Everyone makes decisions that they later realize were mistakes. Can you think of a time when you made a mistake? What did you decide to do to address it? How did you feel afterward?



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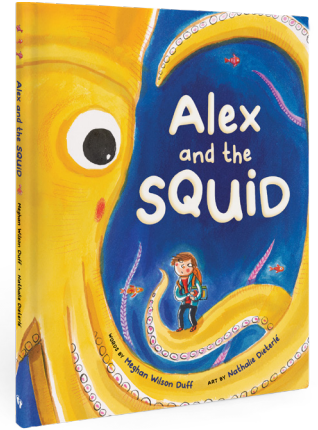
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Alex and the Squid Activity

Design Your Dream Book

Alex loves books about squids and octopuses. If you could create a book about something you love, what would it be about? Draw the cover of your book and give it a title. What would you want to learn about or see inside?



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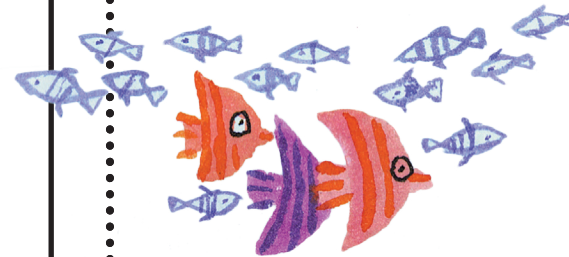


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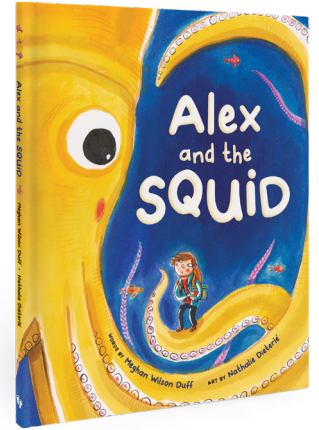
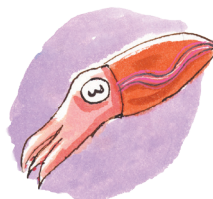
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