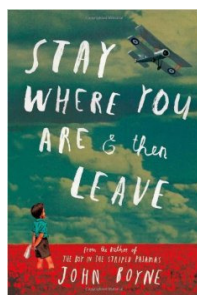
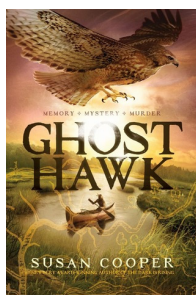


# teacher Connection

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## Booktalks for Your Class



We just finished booktalking the Monarch book nominees to some of the 2nd grade classes. Please call Rachel Reinwald, the school liaison to set up booktalks for your class. They can be 20-30 minutes long, your call. And they can be on any topic you want. Do you want us to booktalk the Caudill nominee? Do you want your class to learn about new nonfiction books? Do you want historical fiction books on Colonial America? Does your class really like scary stories for Halloween?

We will provide a booktalk of approximately 20 books, give you a list of the books if you want to make copies for students, and we can even put together a Classroom Connection of the available books we talked about. It's a great way to keep kids enthusiastic about reading, learn about books you've never thought to read before, and even link novels to the content you're covering in the classroom. Also, the Caudills and Bluestems make great Lit Circle books because we have 10 copies of each. You could pick 5 books for your class to read and get 4 copies of each for a Lit Circle Kit. We also have Monarchs as listening kits for the younger students.

## CPDU: New Award Books, Oct 29th

4:30-5:30

Sit back and enjoy as we booktalk books that won awards in the past two years. We will talk about the Caldecott, Orbis Pictus, Sibert, National Council for the Social Studies, Children's Book Council, National Science Teachers Association, Newbery, and Pura Belpre awards. This is great for adding nonfiction to your lessons, finding Latino/a authors and illustrators, and keeping up to date with the classic Newbery and Caldecott awards. You will get handouts of our booktalks, explanations of awards, and a wishlist form.

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# We Have Books in Spanish

Do you have English Language Learners in your class? Are you teaching a Spanish language class?

We have expanded our collection by also purchasing the Children's Choice nominees in Spanish where available:

- Cinder
- The Rithmatist
- A Monster Calls
- Fortunately, the Milk
- Hatchet
- Masterpiece
- Nelson Mandela
- Marisol McDonald

Having your middle school students read picture books in Spanish helps them get a grasp on the Spanish language, common phrases, the visual structure of the language, and helps with Spanish fluency and reading comprehension. And, they're fun!

We have picture books, easy readers, nonfiction, and chapter books. Request a Classroom Connection bag today!

## Booktalk: *Stay Where You Are and Then Leave* by John Boyne

(Historical Fiction WWI) Alfie's dad volunteers to serve in the British army to fight in World War I the first day he can. At first there are letters, but after a while, Alfie's mother just hides them under the bed and refuses to read them. The letters Alfie finds and read were disturbing ... and then they stop coming. Alfie's mom says Georgie is on a secret mission, but Alfie is convinced his father is dead and his mom just doesn't want to tell him.

Because the breadwinner is at war, Alfie's mom takes on several jobs working night shift as a nurse and washing rich people's clothes. Taking up a shoe shine box, Alfie works to help his mother ... and through a coincidence, finds out his father isn't dead, he's in a psychiatric hospital. Alfie saves his earnings to buy a train ticket to see his dad—and comes face-to-face with the reality of "shell shock," or what we now call PTSD.

This is an amazing novel to show the realities of World War I and the different issues at play. There are many great conversations about why people fight ... and why they don't. Georgie's best friend is a "conchie"—a conscientious objector—and readers see how horribly he is treated, but also why he objects to the war. We see PTSD and its effects on families, and how it wasn't recognized for what it was.

[close with Standards statement]



**C**ongratulate your new Battle of the Books participants for this year. They will be reading at least 4 Caudills before March, and they will be competing in trivia question on these books with their team. Some teachers are even offering extra credit to their ELA students if they read enough of the Caudills to vote (3 or more to vote). Here are our Battlers:

- Claire Armstrong
- Daniel Bachinger
- Bridget Beggs
- Julianna Bullock
- Kat Danilushkin
- Isabelle Gibbons
- Jeremy Hall
- Lila Heilig
- Evelyn Ide
- Wyatt Keyes
- Abby Ley
- Aiden MacLennan
- Rinah Milter
- Joie Mraz
- Langdon Oldenburg
- Aarya Patel
- Marina Prather
- Max Rayes
- Anna Santos
- Maryjo Santos
- Aarnav Sheth
- Suzy Soto
- Anna Walsh
- Ben Welch

