The Power of Book Talks

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Booktalk noun (buk)(tawk)
1. A conversation about a book that one has read, infused with joy and emotion. Best if done daily.
All for the love of reading...
Books are sometimes **windows**, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also **sliding glass doors**, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created and recreated by the author. When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a **mirror**. Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience. Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.

*Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop*
The Day You Begin
by
Jacqueline Woodson
Illustrated by Rafael Lopez
What Can You Do With A Voice Like That?
by Chris Barton
Illustrated by Ekua Holmes
by Peter Hamilton Reynolds
What About Moose?
by Corey Rosen Schwartz & Rebecca J. Gomez
Illustrated by Keika Yamaguchi
by Ryan T Higgins

we don’t eat our CLASSMATES

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR
Ryan T. Higgins
by Katherine Applegate
Lost in the Library
by Josh Funk
Illustrated by Stevie Lewis
Kate DiCamillo
Kate DiCamillo and Harry Bliss
The Whisper by Pamela Zagarenski
Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise
By David Ezra Stein
The King of Bees by Lester Laminack
Illustrated by Jim LaMarche
Susan Middleton Elya and Juana Martinez-Neal
by Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris
Matt De La Peña and Loren Long
In My Father’s Words
By
Patricia MacLachlan
by Colby Sharp
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