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

[YouTube Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=example_video_id)
Dear Boy
By Paris and Jason Rosenthal
The King of Kindergarten

By Derrick Barnes

Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton
A Boy Like You
by Frank Murphy, Illustrated by Kayla Harren

Blog post by Mr. Schu
Blended
By Sharon Draper
Diary of an Ice Princess: Snow Place Like Home & Diario de una Princesa de Hielo by Christina Soontornvat
How To Read A Book

By Kwame Alexander

Illustrated by Melissa Sweet
Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré & Sembrando Historias: Pura Belpré Bibliotecaria y Narradora de Cuentos by Anika Aldamuy Denise, Illustrated by Paola Escobar

- #HispanicHeritageMonth & #LantinxHeritageMonth
- Celebrate Picture Books Blog post
- Author website
Sometimes Sadness arrives unexpectedly.
Just Ask! Different, Be Brave, Be You
¡Solo Pregunta! Sé Diferente, Sé Valiente, Sé Tú
By Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael López

- NPR Interview with Justice Sotomayor
Ten Rules of the Birthday Wish
According to Beth Ferry & Tom Lichtenheld
My Papi Has A Motorcycle
by Isabel Quintero, Illustrated by Zeke Peña

- NPR Author Interview
- Social Justice selection
Carl and the Meaning of Life
By Deborah Freedman
Sea Bear: A Journey of Survival

By Lindsay Moore
¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market
by Raúl the Third

- Graphic novel
- Bilingual
- Richard Scarry-like feel
  set in el mercado
- Author website
Bruce’s Big Storm
By Ryan Higgins
Hair Love
By Matthew A. Cherry
Illustrated by Vashti Harrison
Fry Bread A Native American Family Story
by Kevin Noble Maillard, Illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

It's Indigenous Peoples' Day

- [Blog post by Mr. Schu](#)
- [SLJ Review](#)
- [Author website](#)
- [Additional Native American #Kidlit titles](#)
The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog

And Other How-To Poems

Compiled by Paul Janeczko
The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Chupacabras of the Río Grande by Adam Gidwitz & David Bowles

- [Series website](#)
Why do we need book talks?

- They build a love for reading!!
  - They get kids reading
  - They get kids sharing reading with others
- They teach note-taking
- They build presentation skills
- They build listening skills
Embrace the power of the book talk!