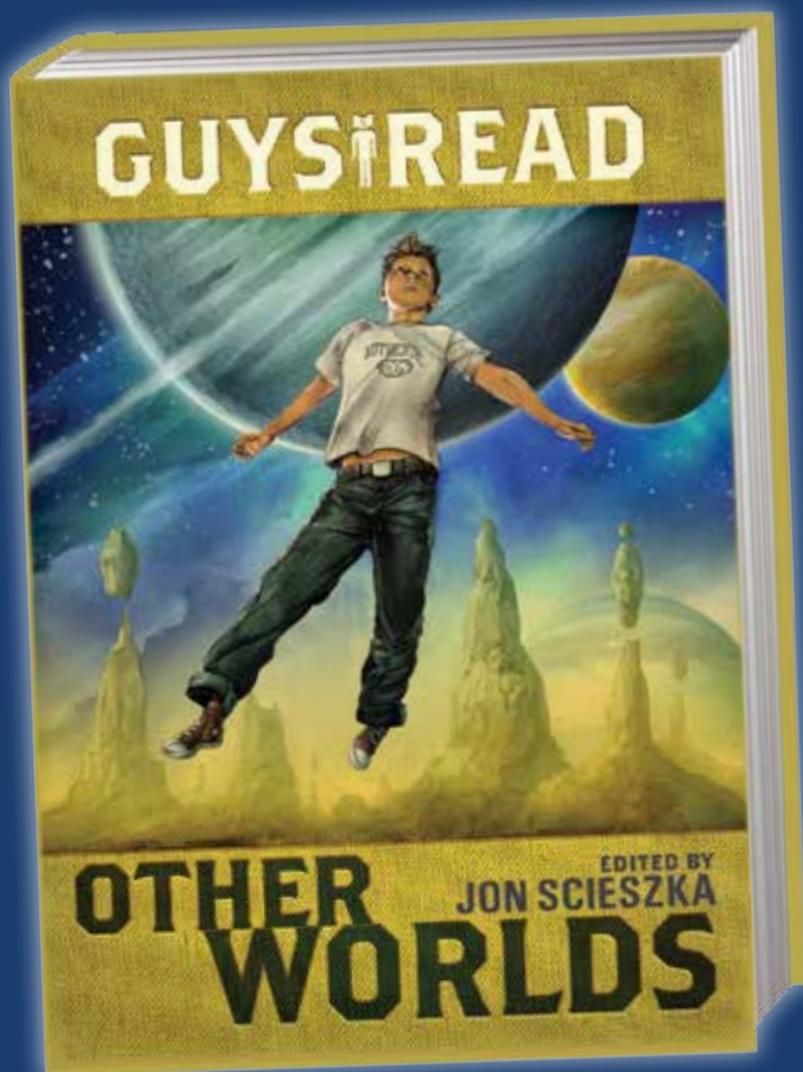


# GUYSiREAD

## OTHER WORLDS

DISCUSSION GUIDE



VOLUME 4

IN THE GUYS READ LIBRARY OF GREAT READING

## ABOUT THE BOOK

The Guys Read Library of Great Reading features brand-new, original short stories from some of the biggest names in children's literature. The series began by Jon Scieszka as a way to connect young guys with books and authors they love, and *Guys Read: Other Worlds* delivers ten tales of science fiction and fantasy. It's out of this world!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### **PERCY JACKSON AND THE SINGER OF APOLLO** by Rick Riordan

- Why is it important for Percy and Grover to stop the celadon from singing to the people of Manhattan?
  - How does Apollo's lyre help save the day?
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### **BOUNCING THE GRINNING GOAT** by Shannon Hale

- Why does Spark leave home? What happens to help her find her way back?
  - What is the significance of Spark's name in the story?
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### **THE SCOUT** by D. J. MacHale

- Why does Kit feel he needs to stay a part of the Scouts in order to achieve his dream to "touch the stars"?
  - What does Kit regret after he learns the truth about his world at the end of the story? Why?
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### **RISE OF THE ROBOSHoes™** by Tom Angleberger

- How does Tom Angleberger use humor in the story?
- Think of another household item that could take over the world. What would it fight for?



## **THE DIRT ON OUR SHOES** by Neal Shusterman

- Why does Tanner have doubts about life on Primordius? Why is he looking forward to being an outsider?
  - How does Tanner prove he's not just "the dirt on our shoes"?
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## **PLAN B** by Rebecca Stead

- Why is Nathan locked inside his bedroom?
  - What is the significance of "Plan B" in the story and how is Agent B involved?
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## **A DAY IN THE LIFE** by Shaun Tan

- How does Shaun Tan express "a day in the life" of a writer's mind? What would a day in the life of your mind look like on paper?
  - How do the illustrations add humor to the story?
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## **THE KLACK BROS. MUSEUM** by Kenneth Oppel

- Why do you think Luke is the only one who the ghost boy will speak to?
  - Why does Luke's dad take him on a trip and later insist that he find out what happened to the ghost boy? Why does Luke tell his dad to "invent your own stories" at the end?
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## **THE WARLORDS OF RECESS** by Eric Nylund

- Why do the "new kids" choose Josh and Tony to fight in the battle? How does Tony make the situation worse?
  - How do Josh and Tony use the rules against the "new kids"?
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## **FROST AND FIRE** by Ray Bradbury

- What difficulties do Sim and his people face with an eight-day life span? Do you think Sim is selfish for trying to get to the ship?
- Why is there war in Sim's world? Why is the fighting so hard for him to understand?



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