

WIZARDS OF WORDS 2019

Award-Winning Authors Rachelle Burk and Nathan Hale at Oak Street School

Wizards of Words, the Visiting Author Program for 2019, will take place during school on April 16th and 17th. Students will hear directly from our authors about what inspires them to write; the process of writing; and what it takes to get a book published! Kindergarten – 2 will meet with Rachelle Burk and grades 3 – 5 will work with Nathan Hale.

Rachelle Burk

Rachelle writes fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for children. She is also a popular children's storyteller and entertainer in New Jersey, performing as "Tickles the Clown" and various other characters for private parties, schools, camps, and other programs. She provides storytelling programs as "Mother Goof." In other lives, Rachelle is a social worker specializing in crisis intervention and is a volunteer on the East Brunswick Rescue Squad.

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**Order NOW selected book(s) to be autographed
by the author for your child***

Descriptions of the books for sale are attached.

To place an order:

1. Complete the attached order form with a check made to Oak Street School PTO.
2. Return the order form to school in an envelope marked "PTO-WOW Book Order."
3. **Orders must be returned no later than Friday, March 8.**
4. Please use one order form per student.

***Please note: Books will be autographed by our visiting authors, but they will not be personalized.**

2019 Wizard of Words: Author Book Order Form

Nathan Hale will visit our school on Tuesday, April 16 for 3rd – 5th grades.
 On Wednesday, April 17, *Rachelle Burk* will speak to grades K – 2nd.

Books may be pre-ordered and purchased for autographing.

To purchase a book, print and complete this form. Return to your child’s homeroom teacher by **FRIDAY, MARCH 8** in an envelope marked “**PTO - WOW Book Order.**”

Student* _____ Teacher _____ GR _____

QTY	RACHELLE BURK Books	Grade	Hardcover \$	Paperback \$	Total \$
	<i>Best Four Questions</i>	K-2	-	12.00	
	<i>Don't Turn the Page</i>	K-2	15.00	-	
	<i>Miss Crump's Funny Bone</i>	2-4	-	8.00	
	<i>The Walking Fish</i>	4-7	-	10.00	
	<i>Tooth Fairy Trap</i>	3-5	-	8.00	
	<i>Tree House in a Storm</i>	3-5	-	12.00	

QTY	NATHAN HALE Books	Grade	Hardcover \$	Paperback \$	Total \$
	<i>Apocalypse Taco</i>	3-7	15.00		
	<i>Big Bad Ironclad! Book 2</i>	3-7	14.00		
	<i>Lafayette! A Revolutionary War Tale Book 8</i>	3-7	14.00		
	<i>One Dead Spy Book 1</i>	3-7	14.00		

<i>One Trick Pony</i>	3-7	-	9.00	
<i>Rapunzel's Revenge</i>	3-7	17.00		

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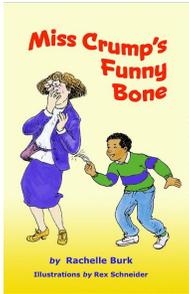
The Best Four Questions (grades K-2)

Marcy is finally old enough to ask The Four Questions at her family's Passover Seder. She's sure when it's her time to shine, her questions will be the best ever. Though her four (funny) questions are not the ones in Haggadah, her family gently humors her with the answers before she and her brother go on to read the real Four Questions. The book includes The Four Questions in English and back matter includes the answers.



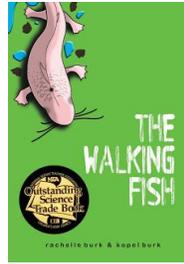
Don't Turn the Page (grades K-2)

Like most children, Sami puts off going to bed for as long as possible. But reading a story about Little Bear's bedtime ritual inspires Sammy, just as the young reader will be inspired by this soothing story and clever book-within-a-book concept. A bedtime book that both parent and child will relish reading one more time, *Don't Turn the Page!* features a surprise ending that reinforces the sense that it is bedtime for everyone.



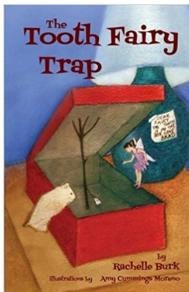
Miss Crump's Funny Bone (grades 2-4)

Miss Crump is the grumpiest teacher in Lakeview Elementary school, and Frankie has the misfortune of being in her 3rd-grade class. Each day is a lesson in gloom until Frankie and two of his classmates – the reckless Jerry and competitive Olivia – bet on who can get "Grumpy Crumpy" to laugh. There is not much of a prize for winning, but there are serious consequences for losing. Will someone discover what tickles Miss Crump's funny bone?



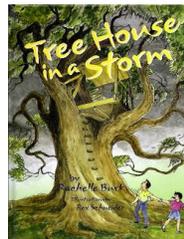
The Walking Fish (grades 4-7)

When seventh-grader Alexis catches an unusual fish that looks like a living fossil, she sets off a frenzied scientific hunt for more of its kind. Alexis and her friend Darshan join the hunt, snorkeling, sounding the depths of Glacial Lake, even observing from a helicopter and exploring a cave. All the while, they fight to keep the selfish Dr. Mertz from claiming the discovery all for himself. When Alexis follows one final hunch, she risks her life and almost loses her friend. This is a scientific adventure not to be missed. With great settings and vivid characters, lively and at times hilarious, this book presents the adventure of science in a way that's sure to appeal to girls and boys in grades 4-7.



The Tooth Fairy Trap (grades K-2)

Bluma is a young tooth fairy who is allergic to her own fairy dust. She faces many problems during this night of tooth collecting, but her biggest challenge is Brian's fairy trap. Bluma can succeed in collecting his tooth only with the help of the boy's grouchy hamster, and a few things she has collected through the night. An illustrated chapter book for young readers.



Tree House in a Storm (grades 3-5)

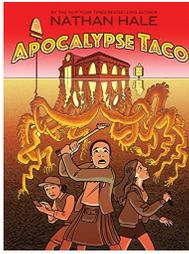
Inspired by actual events during the author's New Orleans childhood, this story deals with issues of loss, hope, and resiliency after a natural disaster. Two children build a tree house where they play and imagine all summer long. But then Hurricane Betsy blows into New Orleans in 1965, and their beloved tree house becomes one of its victims.

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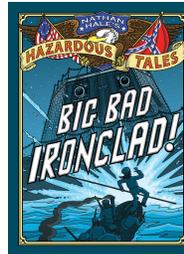
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Apocalypse Taco (Grades 3-7)

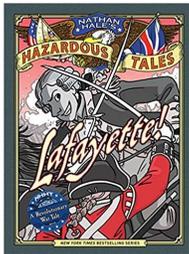
Sid, Axl, and Ivan volunteer to make a late-night fast-food run for the high school theater crew, and when they return, they find themselves. Not in a deep, metaphoric sense: They find copies of themselves onstage. As they look closer, they begin to realize that the world around them isn't quite right. Turns out, when they went to the taco place across town, they actually crossed into an alien dimension that's eerily similar to their world. The aliens have made sinister copies of cars, buildings, and people—and they all want to get Sid, Axl, and Ivan. Now the group will have to use their wits, their truck, and even their windshield scraper to escape! But they may be too late. They may now be copies themselves.



Big Bad Ironclad! Book 2 (Grades 3-7)

Each of the books in *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* has elements of the strange but true and is presented in an engaging, funny format, highlighting the larger-than-life characters that pop up in real history. *Big Bad Ironclad!* covers the history of the amazing ironclad steam warships used in the Civil War.

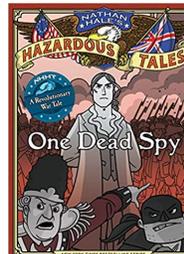
From the ship's inventor, who had a history of blowing things up and only 100 days to complete his project, to the mischievous William Cushing, who pranked his way through the whole war, this book is filled with surprisingly true facts and funny, brave characters that modern readers will easily relate to.



Lafayette! Book 8 (Grades 3-7)

Gilbert du Motier became the Marquis de Lafayette at a young age, but he was not satisfied with the comforts of French nobility—he wanted adventure!

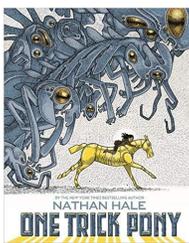
A captain at eighteen and a major general by nineteen, he was eager to prove himself in battle. When he heard about the Revolution going on in America, he went overseas and fought alongside Alexander Hamilton and George Washington for America's independence. *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* are graphic novels that tell the thrilling, shocking, gruesome, and TRUE stories of American history. Read them all—if you dare!



One Dead Spy Book 1 (Grades 3-7)

Nathan Hale, the author's historical namesake, was America's first spy, a Revolutionary War hero who famously said: "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country" before being hanged by the British. In the *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series, author Nathan Hale channels his namesake to present history's roughest, toughest, and craziest stories in the graphic novel format.

One Dead Spy tackles the story of Hale himself, who was an officer and spy for the American rebels during the Revolutionary War. Author Hale highlights the unusual, gruesome, and just plain unbelievable truth of historical Nathan Hale—from his early unlucky days at Yale to his later unlucky days as an officer—and America during the Revolutionary War.



One Trick Pony (Grades 3-7)

The aliens have arrived. And they're hungry for electricity. In the Earth of the future, humans are on the run from an alien force—giant blobs who suck up electrical devices wherever they can find them. Strata and her family are part of a caravan of digital rescuers, hoping to keep the memory of civilization alive by saving electronics wherever they can. Many humans have reverted to a pre-electrical age, and others have taken advantage of the invasion to become dangerous bandits and outlaws. When Strata and her brother are separated from the caravan, they must rely on a particularly beautiful and rare robot pony to escape the outlaws and aliens—and defeat the invaders once and for all.



Rapunzel's Revenge (Grades 3-7)

Rapunzel escapes her tower-prison all on her own, only to discover a world beyond what she'd ever known before. Determined to rescue her real mother and to seek revenge on her kidnapper would-be mother, Rapunzel, and her very long braids, team up with Jack (of Giant killing fame) and together they perform daring deeds and rescues all over the western landscape, eventually winning the justice they so well deserve.



