

Book Scavenger

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Grade Levels:

- Grades 4-8

Synopsis:

- Emily, after moving to San Francisco, continues on her quest to find books in a game created by Garrison Griswold called Book Scavenger. This is how she meets her new friend James. While on the hunt, they find an unusual book. Is it a clue to a new game that Griswold, who is now in a coma, created? Are Emily and James in danger from the people who hurt Griswold? Can Emily and James solve the puzzle before anyone else gets hurt?

Author Website:

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Curricular Connections:

- Mystery
- Puzzles
- Suspense

Lesson Ideas:

- For April – school library media month:
Teachers will hide a book that they choose in the school and write a clue or cipher to help kids find the book – they will post a picture of them and their book and their clue outside their door. The student who then finds the book will be able to keep the book and will come to the media center to get their picture taken. There can even be adult books hidden to encourage the teachers to participate in finding a book.
- Create clues and ciphers for your favorite books. If a student checks out your favorite book, give them a small prize
- According to her website, the author will do a quick 15 minute Skype Q and A session.
- <http://bookscavenger.com/about-the-book/> - encourage students to play the Book Scavenger game, just like in the book!

Suggested Companion Titles:

- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
- *Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
- *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett
- *The Rosemary Spell* by Virginia Zimmerman
- The 39 Clues Series
- *The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity* (Brixton Brothers) by Mac Barnett

- *The Case of the Lion Dance* by Laurence Yep
- *I Kill the Mockingbird* by Paul Acampora

Professional Reviews:

- *Booklist*, May 2015
- *Bulletin (Center for Children's books)*, September 2015
- *Horn Book*, September 2015
- *Junior Library Guild*
- *Kirkus Review*, April 2015
- *Publisher's Weekly*, April 2015
- *School Library Journal*, May 2015
- *Voice of Youth Advocates (V.O.Y.A.)*, June 2015