



The Backstagers and the Ghost Light

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The Backstagers and the Ghost Light is a fun book, especially for kids who love theatre or want to know what it's like to be a theatre kid. There are many ghostly happenings, a battle of good vs evil, and diverse, sweet and endearing characters.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, what do you think this story is about? Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder what game they are playing?

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words

- prop - an object used by a performer or actor or used to create a desired effect in a scene on a stage
- slouchy - to walk, sit or stand lazily with your head and shoulders bent forward
- auditorium - a large room of a building where people gather to watch a performance or hear a speech
- scripts - the written form of a play, movie or television show
- subconsciously - the part of a person's mind that has ideas or feelings that a person is not aware of
- foggiest - not clear; vague, or confused

After:

- Who are the stage crew at St. Genesis Prep?
- What is the name of the play they are preparing to perform?
- What paranormal encounters and challenges do they face with tech week?
- What do you think about the Spirit Board at the cast party?
- What is the significance of the ghost light in an empty theatre?
- How do you think Hunter handled being the stage manager? Who did he know had his back?



DO

Ask students to write a mystery tale or write and illustrate a story in comic strip format. Encourage students to include a family member or friends in their adventure. They can use a mix of humor, mystery and action!

