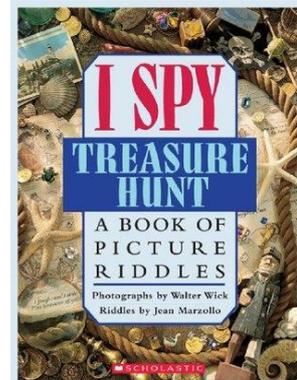


English Book Recommendation

“I Spy Treasure Hunt – A Book of Picture Riddles”

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.
ISBN: 9780439026741
Author: Jean Marzollo
Photographs: Walter Wick



Authors

The author, Mrs. Jean Marzollo was born in 1942 and raised in USA. She is a children's author and illustrator. She has written over 100 books, including the best-selling and award-winning *I Spy* series for children, written completely in rhythm and rhyme. She is a graduate of Manchester High School (1960), the University of Connecticut (1964) and the Harvard Graduate School of Education (1965).

She has written books for teachers and parents, as well as articles about children for Parents Magazine, Redbook, and other parenting magazines. Her work has been supported by various artists who added photographs to her stories and publishers like Scholastic.

The creator, Mr. Walter Wick is the photographer of the *I Spy* books. He has won awards for his work and was recognized by the American Library Association for some of his books. He is a graduate of Paier College of Art and lives with his life in USA.

Summary of the book

The book takes you on a journey to solve mind-boggling riddles. From a cave to a train station to a treasure map, the book engages the audience with its massively sized pictures. The riddles allow the readers to make the reading into an activity based task where they have to find various items listed in the picture provided. This enables the readers to also increase their vocabulary bank for numerous themes.

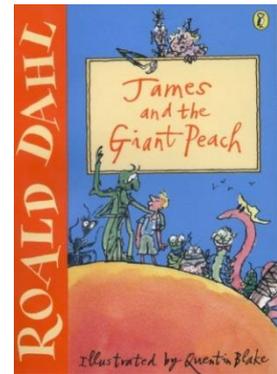
Personal sharing by Mr. Malik

I find the book to be quite intriguing as it's not just for children but even for adults. The book can even be used as a form of a classroom activity or a challenge between friends. I feel such picture riddles are great fun as the readers should not feel bored while they also help to broaden people's imagination. They are also a great way to enhance problem-solving skills.

English Book Recommendation

“James and the Giant Peach”

Publisher: Penguin Group
ISBN: 0141311355
Author: Ronald Dahl
Illustrations: Quentin Blake



Author

Roald Dahl was born in 1916 in Wales. Before becoming a book writer and author, he had worked in East Africa for an oil company and also as a RAF fighter pilot in Second World War.

His first paid piece of writing was based on his experience as the pilot at World War Two. He then worked with Walt Disney to write his first full-length story called The Gremlins. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is his best-known book which was first published in 1964. His last book was called The Minpins.

Roald Dahl died in 1990 at the age of 74. The motto that he lived by was “My candle burns at both ends. It will not last the night. But ah my foes and oh my friends. It gives a lovely light.”

Summary of the book

James’ aunts, Spiker and Soungé, are always calling him bad names. They beat him and also don’t feed him at times. His life is a misery and a disaster. James’s parents were eaten by an angry escaped rhinoceros. He is treated really horribly by his aunts and he’s always feeling depressed.

However, one day, he met a mysterious man who gave him something and from that onwards, James adventure of his dreams began. He meets many various characters who have animals and insects attributes. The book describes the characteristics of each living being James gets to interact with.

Personal sharing by Mr. Malik

Adventurous. That’s what comes to my mind when I think of this book. It’s somewhat similar to Harry Potter as Harry was also treated badly by his uncle and aunt. James, in this book, doesn’t have any special powers like Harry, but his journey takes him to meet creatures which he never knew existed.

It’s a book that would want you to keep reading as it creates a sense of suspense and attracts the readers to imagine and explore into the next passages.