

# All School Read

with **The NOCTURNALS**

Connect Your Whole K–6 School Community!

“*The Nocturnals* is what reading is all about: talking, listening to others’ opinions, getting immersed in the written word, and sharing the joy of reading.”

—Karen Surdynski, school librarian



## Why This Book Series

*The Nocturnals* book series offers a unique opportunity to engage every learner, at every level, along with their families. Available in both early-reader and middle-grade formats, the books allow Kindergarten through Grade 6 students to connect with the same endearing animal characters: Dawn, a serious fox; Tobin, a sweet pangolin; and Bismark, the pint-sized sugar glider. The books follow the Nocturnal Brigade as they solve unpredictable, funny nighttime mysteries.

## Free Virtual Visit with Author Tracey Hecht

A highlight of the Nocturnals All School Read is Tracey Hecht’s Read Aloud Writing Program, which she created with The New York Public Library to help kids and caring adults share a love of reading, at home and at school. Over 60 schools nationwide have used the program.



## About the Author

Tracey Hecht has written, directed, and produced for film. Her first book, *The Nocturnals: The Mysterious Abductions*, was an ABA Indie Next Pick. When Tracey isn’t writing, she can be found hiking, reading, or spending time with her family. Tracey splits her time between New York City and Oquossoc, Maine.



## Program Kit:

- Virtual Author Visit with Read Aloud Writing Program that contains:
  - Discussion of Character Development
  - 3-2-1 Dialogue Writing Workshop
  - Development of a Scene as a Group
- Common Core Language Arts Guides
- Next Generation Science Guides
- Makerspace Programs
- Reader’s Theater Script
- Book Club Questions
- Word Games & Crafts
- Free Giveaways for Students

Visit [nocturnalsworld.com](http://nocturnalsworld.com) for more program information and nighttime fun!

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# One School's Success with *The* NOCTURNALS

Hunting Ridge Elementary School in Palatine, IL, chose *The Nocturnals: The Mysterious Abductions* and *The Moonlight Meeting* for their One School, One Book® program. The program ran for three weeks and was a huge hit with staff, kids, and families. It included:

- Virtual, Interactive Story Workshop with Author Tracey Hecht
- Language Arts & STEM Activities from our free Educator Guides
- Graffiti Wall where kids left comments & pictures as they read
- Learning Games & Crafts from our free Program Kit



## Reaching All Readers!

“The students and parents connected so strongly with *The Nocturnals*. Some families said it was the first time they sat down all year to read together. At Hunting Ridge, we have 43 different languages that are spoken in the homes of our students. I wanted a book that could engage our diverse student population and had a theme of acceptance of differences and working together to solve a problem. *The Nocturnals* hit it out of the ballpark!”

—Cheryl Harsh, reading specialist

“We wanted a book that would engage our population Kindergarten through 6th grade and integrate wonderful words and science. After this was over, students were sad. They asked when we were going to read another book and were so glad to hear that *The Nocturnals* was a series.”

—Karen Surdyski, school librarian

“We were just blown away by Tracey! She is a wonderful speaker—so energetic and very inspiring for our students!”

—Cheryl Harsh, reading specialist