

# The Day-Glo Brothers

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Inventions, Careers, Family

**Grade Level:** 3rd to 5th grade

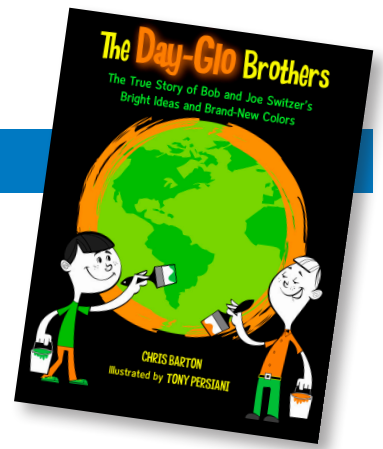
**Book Brief:** Two brothers work together to create a world of colors no one has ever seen before.

**Author:**

Chris Barton

**Illustrator:**

Tony Persiani



## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Explain that this story is about two brothers who came up with the idea of creating bright colors that glowed in the dark. Have the children seen glow-in-the-dark colors before? Where? What could glow-in-the-dark paint be useful for?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### GLOW STICK HOOPS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: flexible glow sticks, connectors, ball

Connect glow sticks to form two or more small hoops. Turn off the lights and have children try to score points by tossing balls into the hoops.

### DAYGLO DOUGHNUTS (AGES 5-12)

Ingredients: mini cake doughnuts, vanilla frosting, neon colored food coloring

Let children mix the frosting with their favorite neon food colors and spread cream cheese on top of the doughnut for a colorful and tasty treat. For a more healthful snack, substitute rice cakes or crackers for doughnuts and cream cheese for frosting.



### DAYGLO DETERGENT? (AGES 7-12)

Materials: liquid laundry detergent with whitening/brightening agent, black paper, paint brushes, black light

Dilute the detergent with water. Let children create their own designs on black paper with the detergent mix; they will be invisible once dry. Use a black light to “highlight” the children’s paintings. Discuss why the paintings look different in the black light than in regular lighting. (Brightening agents in detergent are *fluorescent*.)



### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.dayglo.com/design\\_center](http://www.dayglo.com/design_center) to create your own DayGlo colors!

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

*Shark vs. Train* (2010), *Can I See Your I.D.?* (2011).

### TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

[www.rif.org/kids](http://www.rif.org/kids)



PROUDLY SPONSORED BY ★MACY'S  
©2012 Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.

Reading Is  
Fundamental