

Memoirs of a Hamster

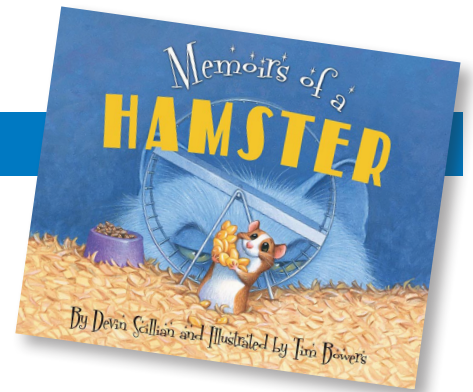
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Pets, Tricksters, Journaling

Book Brief: Seymour is an energetic hamster who thinks he has it all until Pearl the cat tells him about a sunroom filled with goodies. He soon finds out that some things are too good to be true.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: What do you think is going to happen based on the cover illustration? What can you tell about the two characters on the cover?

While reading, make connections: Do you have any pets? How do they interact with each other?

Does your pet like for you to show affection?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How would you describe Pearl and Buck?
- ◆ Why do you think Seymour trusted Pearl?
- ◆ Who do you think was to blame for what happened: Seymour, Pearl, Buck, or the girl? Explain.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

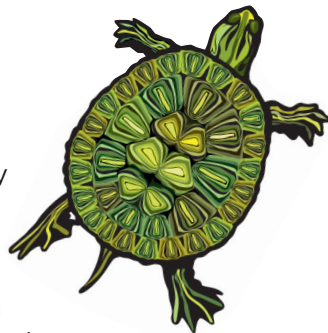
HEALTHY HAMSTER SNACK

Hamsters eat a wide variety of seeds, nuts, fruit, and veggies. Cut an apple into small chucks and add some sunflower seeds, nuts, and a couple of baby carrots to your plate. You now have a snack fit for a hamster. How is it? Could you eat like a hamster every day?

PET STORE

Take a trip to your local pet store to see the wide variety of pets people might have in their home. No pet store nearby? Visit

www.petsmart.com to learn all about different types of pets, their needs, and what pet might be best for you!



PET PORTRAIT

Materials: paper, crayons or markers, picture of pet

Find a picture of your pet or a pet that you would like to have.

Use the picture as a guide to draw a pet portrait. What are some of your pet's best features? Why is your pet special to you?

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Want a pet? Log on to www.virtualpets.com and adopt your own virtual pet!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Fibblestax (2011)

Memoirs of a Goldfish (2010)

One Nation: America by the Numbers (2011)



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