

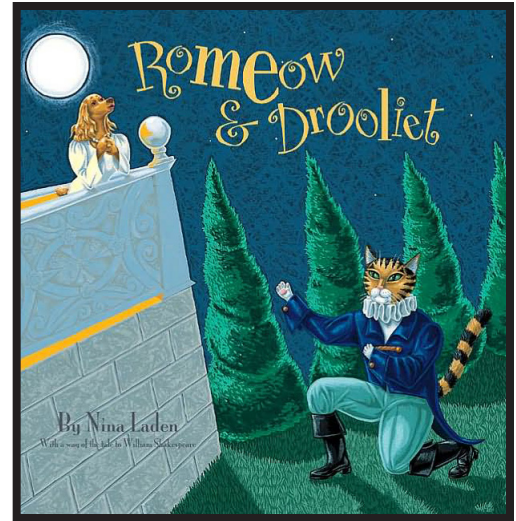
BOOKPALS STORYLINE PRESENTS:

# "ROMEOW & DROOLIET"

By *Nina Laden*

Watch online video of actor *Haylie Duff*  
reading this story at <http://www.storylineonline.net>

Author-artist Nina Laden has taken her trademark wit and applied it to one of Shakespeare's best-loved plays. Adults familiar with the classic love story will delight in the many references to the original play, all of which make this a rarity: a children's book they'll want to read again and again. And young children who know nothing of the Bard will be riveted by this funny yet touching tale about Romeow the cat and Drooliet the dog, two star-crossed lovers who meet by chance, marry in secret and are kept apart by a snarling rottweiler, appalled owners and the animal control warden. The clever details throughout the book belie the careful research behind this homage to true love won and lost—and in the case of this book won again—proving once and for all that dogs and cats can be friends.



## RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Discuss and then write about what you enjoyed most about this book.
- List the characters in the book. Now, describe in words (orally or in writing) what each of these characters look like. Make illustrations to go with your descriptions.
- Find 5 sentences in "Romeow & Drooliet" that make it easy for you to visualize in your mind what is happening. Write these sentences on a piece of paper and discuss them with someone.
- Some of the characters in this book went to the park to play. What do you enjoy most when you visit a park? Discuss your answer with someone and then write it down. Make a detailed illustration of your time at the park.
- Tell or write why Romeow left the dance.
- Research the meaning of cats having "nine lives". Tell or write about what you find out.
- Research about the famous English writer

William Shakespeare. Make a poster to share your information about him.

The plot in this book is very developed. There is a beginning, middle and end.

*Describe the beginning, middle and end of this story.*

There is an INTRODUCTION of the : Who? Where? And What?

*Describe the WHO? WHERE? and WHAT? of this story.*

There is a PROBLEM.

*Tell about the PROBLEM in this story.*

The story is developed through the COMPLICATION and the CLIMAX.

*Describe the COMPLICATION and the CLIMAX in this story.*

And, finally, there is a RESOLUTION.

Read the book again and fill-in the chart on the next page as you identify the elements of the story.

# STORY ELEMENTS WORKSHEET

Read the book and fill-in this chart as you identify the elements of the story.

Describe the beginning, middle and end of the story:

Beginning: - - - - -

Middle: - - - - -

End: - - - - -

INTRODUCTION:

Who? - - - - -

Where? - - - - -

What? - - - - -

PROBLEM: - - - - -

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COMPLICATION: - - - - -

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CLIMAX: - - - - -

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RESOLUTION: - - - - -

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## MORE ACTIVITIES

• The Costume Party where Romeow met Drooliet is important to this story. Describe in writing a costume party you have attended. Make an illustration to go with your description.

• Plan a Costume Party for you and your friends. (Make sure you get permission from an adult.)

Design and make invitations. Give them to your friends.

Make a list of things you will need for the party.

Plan the games you will play. Write out the descriptions for the games.

Plan the food you will eat. Collect recipes and write them out.

Make a shopping list of things to buy. Prepare everything you will need.

Have a wonderful time! (Remember to clean-up everything afterwards.)

• Share pictures or stories about your pets.

• Write stories about your pets.

• Research different kinds of dogs and cats. Make your own dictionary of Dogs and Cats with written descriptions and illustrations.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**NINA LADEN** grew up in the New York City area. As a child she drew on every available surface and made up stories. She has worked as a freelance illustrator since 1984. Nina Laden lives in Seattle and Lummi Island, Washington, with her husband and cat.

Other books by Nina Laden:

"When Picasso Met Mootisse"

"The Night I Followed the Dog"

"Private I. Guana"

"Clowns on Vacation"

"Roberto, The Insect Architect"

"Peek-A-Who"

"Bad Dog"

"Ready-Set-Go"

"My Family Tree: A Bird's Eye View"

## ABOUT THE READER

While actress and singer **HAYLIE DUFF** has appeared in several episodes of *Lizzie McGuire* (which stars sister Hilary), she has also gained wide popularity with work on *That's So Raven*, *Joan of Arcadia*, *American Dreams*, *Boston Public*, *7th Heaven* and *Chicago Hope*. She wrote two songs for her sister's album *Metamorphosis*, "Sweet Sixteen" and "Inner Strength", and sang with Hilary on a 2004 cover of The Go-Go's song "Our Lips Are Sealed". That same year, Haylie played the popular teen "Summer" in the hit independent film *Napoleon Dynamite*. In 2006 Haylie co-produced and starred with her sister Hilary in the movie *Material Girls*, and two years later produced and hosted the reality series *Legally Blonde the Musical: The Search for Elle Woods*. Recent work includes the films *A Holiday Engagement*, *Cousin Sarah* and a reprisal of her role as "Summer" for the television series *Napoleon Dynamite*.



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