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- Schedule time to read aloud a new picturebook biography each week. Use this time as an opportunity to explore a particular topic or to celebrate months that are devoted to specific groups, such as Black History Month or Women's History Month.

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JOAN BEAUCHAMP PROCTER Zoologist 1897–1931



JOAN PROCTER, DRAGON DOCTOR

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Zoology is the scientific study of the behavior, anatomy, physiology, classification, and distribution of animals.
- Joan Procter designed the reptile house at the London Zoo, including a home for the rumored-to-be-vicious Komodo dragons.
- ♦ Joan got a pet crocodile as a birthday present when she was sixteen!
- When designing the new reptile house for the London Zoo, Joan added elaborate lighting and state-of-the-art heaters so that the cold-blooded animals could keep warm.

AFTER READING JOAN PROCTER, DRAGON DOCTOR

- ◆ The next time you go to a zoo or animal exhibit, take notice of the habitats the animals are in. How are they specific to each animal's natural environment? How do the caretakers of the animals get into the enclosure? Is there anything you would change?
- Become a zoologist! Do you have a pet? Or are there animals in your neighborhood? Start an observation notebook and write down things you notice about them over a period of time. Then do some research on the animal. What are their typical behaviors? Do they match your observations?



JOSEPH CORNELL Surrealist Artist 1903–1972



THE AMAZING COLLECTION OF JOEY CORNELL

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- ◆ Joseph's art style incorporated his collection of discarded objects, such as a soap bubble pipe, butterfly wings, and pebbles.
- Joseph had a collection of objects and artifacts by the time he was eight.
- ◆ Joseph Cornell's last art show was at Cooper Union School in New York City. He said it was meant for "Children Only" and hung his boxes four feet off the floor so that they were at a child's eye level.

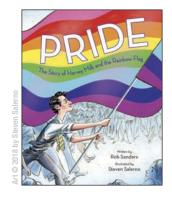
AFTER READING THE AMAZING COLLECTION OF JOEY CORNELL

- ◆ Are you or is someone you know a collector? What objects have you seen collected or do you collect yourself? Is there a way to organize the collection? By size? By color? Try to start a collection and see how long it takes you to find each object. Does your collection have a theme?
- ◆ Look up some of Joseph Cornell's artwork. What do you think of the style? Do you recognize any objects? Does it remind you of anything you've seen before? Is there anything similar about each object? Talk to a classmate or friend about what they think about the work of art.



HARVEY MILK

Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors LGBTQ Rights Activist 1930–1978



PRIDE: THE STORY OF HARVEY MILK AND THE RAINBOW FLAG

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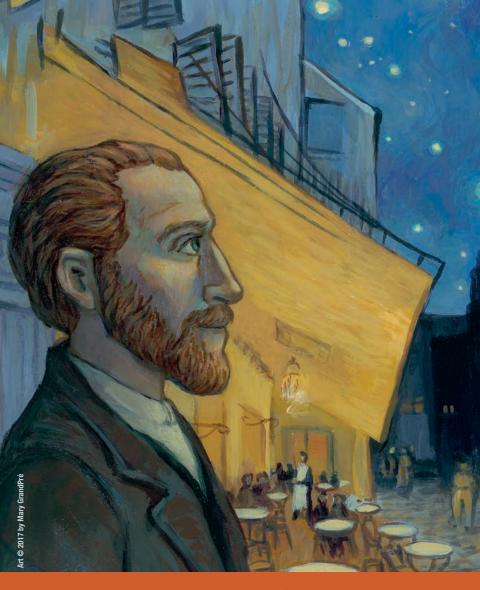
DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in the history of California. He was elected in 1978 and was a passionate advocate for equal rights for members of the gay community.
- Harvey ran for office three times before finally getting elected.
- Known for his work at rallies and protests, Harvey had the idea for a symbol that could represent hope and the LGBTQ community.
 He turned to artist Gilbert Baker, who created the colorful Pride Flag.
- June 25, 1978, was the first day the flag was used in a march for equality.

AFTER READING PRIDE

- Research your local government officials: councilman/councilwoman, mayor, and state representative.
- Is there a question you have about your community or an issue you would like to see addressed? With the help of a teacher or parent, find out who your question should be brought to and write them a letter.





VINCENT VAN GOGH Impressionist Artist 1853–1890



VINCENT CAN'T SLEEP

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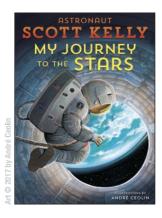
- Expressionism is a style of painting where the artist's feelings are reflected by using varied brushwork, intense color, or symbolic content. Vincent van Gogh pioneered this kind of art.
- Van Gogh sold only one painting in his lifetime, but he continued to pursue his unique vision and ultimately became one of the most-beloved artists of all time.
- ◆ As a young man, Van Gogh worked as an art dealer. He didn't begin painting until later in his life.
- Vincent Van Gogh was born in the Netherlands but moved to France, where he began to fully develop his style by painting local landscapes and still lifes of the French countryside.

AFTER READING *VINCENT CAN'T SLEEP*

- ◆ Look at Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*. How do you think he felt? Paint or draw your own starry night art with three different feelings: happy like a party, sad like you are lost, and angry or another feeling you choose. Does painting the different feelings change your brushstrokes? Are they short or long? Quick or slow? Curved or straight? Do your feelings change the colors
- Vincent Can't Sleep is about the inspiration for Van Gogh's most famous piece of art: The Starry Night. Look up the painting. Does it look realistic? Like a photograph? Why or why not?



SCOTT KELLY NASA Astronaut 1964–Present



MY JOURNEY TO THE STARS

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Scott Kelly was the first American astronaut to spend an entire year in space.
- Scott and his twin brother, Mark Kelly, were the first set of twins to be astronauts
- Scott Kelly was in the command of the International Space Station and set the record for the longest spaceflight by an American.
- Scott wasn't the best student in school and didn't know what he wanted to be when he grew up. Then he discovered a book about test pilots and astronauts, which made him want to become one himself!

AFTER READING MY JOURNEY TO THE STARS

• What do you know about living in space? Is it hot or cold? What do astronauts eat in space? With the help of a teacher or parent, research the challenges of living in space. How would you prepare for them? Come up with a list!

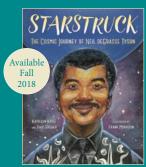
• What is the International Space Station? Does it travel in space or stay in one spot?



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