

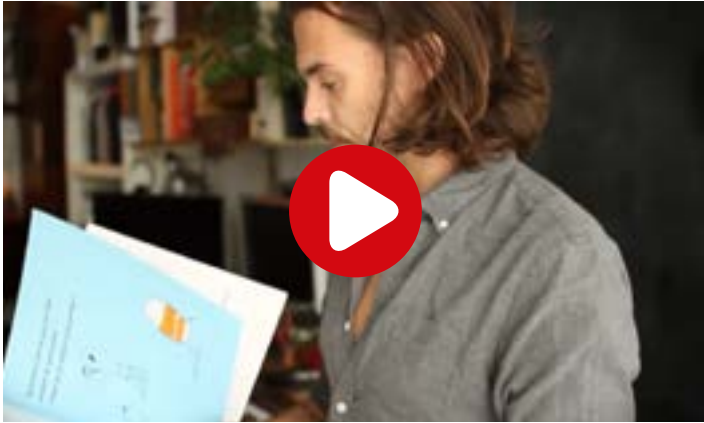
THE
INCREDIBLE
BOOK
EATING BOY

**Don't Eat this
Activity Guide**

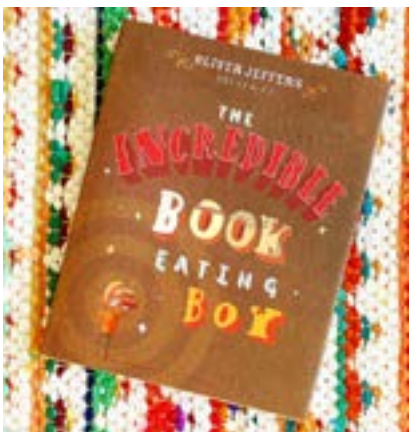
**Alliance
Theatre**

Education

Meet the Author:



Read the Book that Inspired the Play!



Find this book at:
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Recommended Book List

Books by Oliver Jeffers

- *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*
- *A Child of Books*
- *Lost and Found*
- *Up and Down*
- *Stuck*
- *This Moose Belongs to Me*
- *The Way Back Home*

Books about Reading

- *The Book with No Pictures* by B.J. Novak
- *Please Open this Book* by Adam Lehrhaupt
- *You Can Read* by Helaine Becker and Mark Hoffmann
- *Aaron Slater, Illustrator* by Andrea Beatty

The Incredible Talking Book Puppet

Make your own talking book puppet!

Supplies:

- 1 sheet of paper
- Paper scraps
- Markers, crayons or colored pencils
- Glue stick
- Scissors

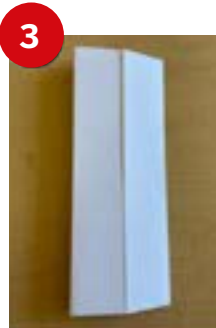
Instructions:



Fold your paper in half lengthwise



Fold the left edge of your paper into the middle



Fold the right edge of your paper into the middle



Flip your paper over and fold it in half so that the bottom meets the top



For the top layer only - fold the top in half to meet the bottom



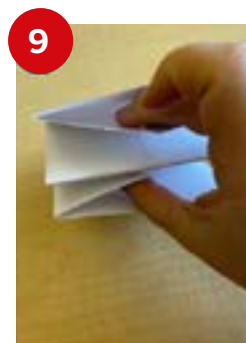
Flip your paper over and fold the top in half to meet the bottom



Cut a tongue out of scrap paper and glue it inside your puppet's mouth



Decorate the outside of your puppet to look like the cover of a book



Slide your hand into the the outside pockets



Open and close your hand, and tell us what your book has to say!



Storytelling Games

Before I Couldn't, But Now I Can...

Henry has a hard time learning to read, but after patience and practice he is successful! Each person will think of something they learned to do with a lot of practice. Perhaps tying your shoes, swimming underwater, or making your own dinner! One at a time you will say “Before I couldn't, but now I can...” and act out the action without saying what it is. The rest of the group will try to guess the amazing new skill you learned based on your actions.



Brad Raymond, Alexander Chen, and Rhyn McLemore in the Alliance Theatre's world premiere musical production of *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*. Photo by Greg Mooney.

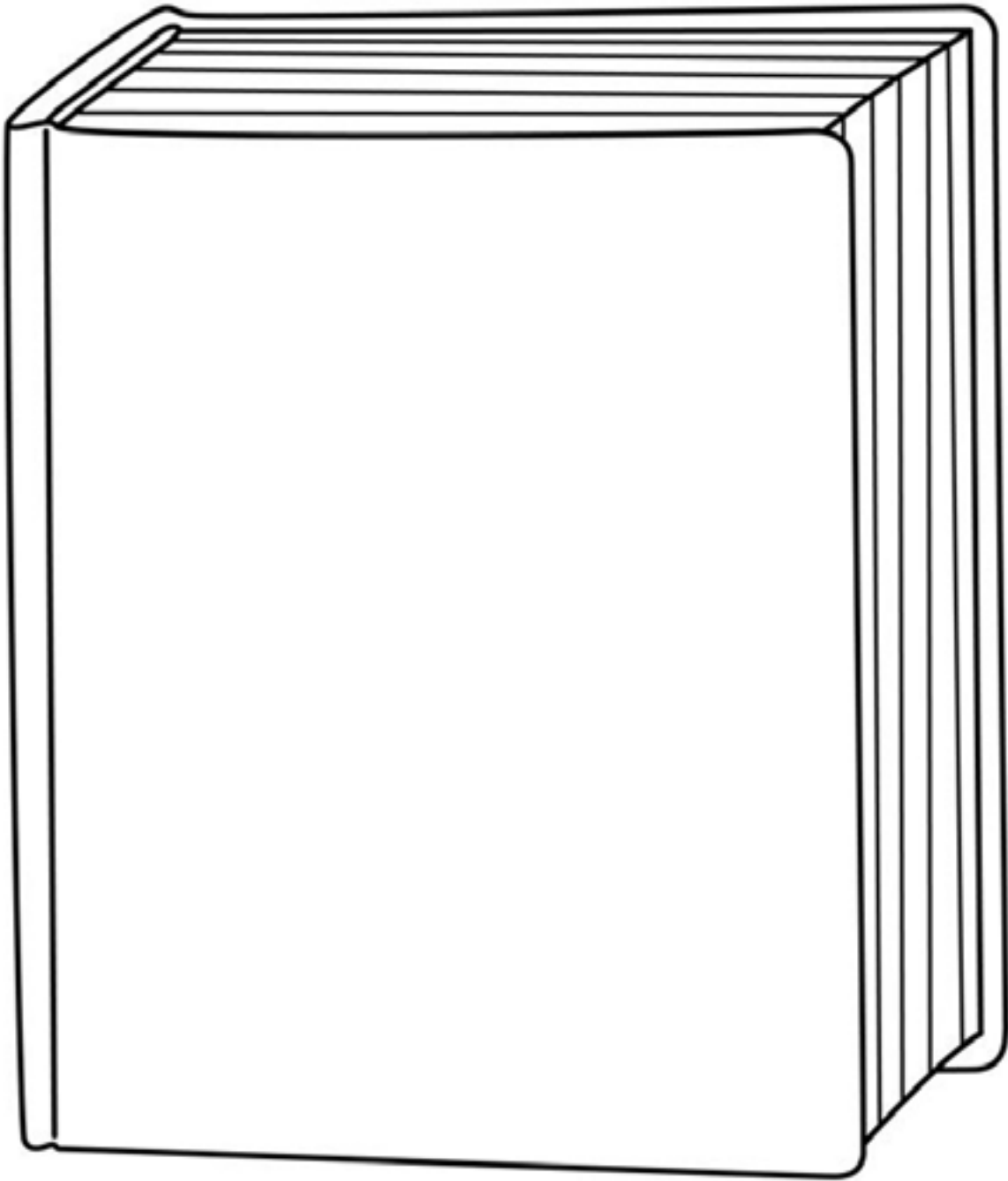


Alexander Chen in the Alliance Theatre's world premiere musical production of *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*. Photo by Greg Mooney.

Statues in the Library

One person pretends to be a librarian. The remaining participants are books in the library. These books are magical, and move whenever the librarian's back is turned to them. The librarian ambles about the stacks putting away rogue books and alphabetizing. Whenever the librarian sees someone moving, the person who has been caught gets “checked out” (leaves the playing space)! The last book standing is the new librarian and the game starts over again!

Using the template below, design your own “Monster Book” costume.



Using the template below, create a mini graphic novel of the most important moments from *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*.

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B	C
D	
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