



FLAT STANLEY: SHOWDOWN AT THE ALAMO

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**** REMEMBER: HAVE FUN AND THE KIDS WILL TOO! ****

OVERVIEW

ABOUT THE BOOK

In this easy-to-read and incredibly hilarious chapter book, Stanley and his friends head to the big state of Texas to visit their pal Eduardo. From rocking out onstage at a music festival, to riding a horse, to parasailing in the desert, Stanley is having the time of his life! But when a mysterious truck starts following the friends, tensions run high. Who could it be? And what do they want? A suspenseful and surprising showdown at Texas's historic Alamo will reveal all . . . including Stanley's courageous inner cowboy.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The idea for Stanley came to him [Jeff Brown] one night at bedtime when his sons J. C. and Tony were young and stalling for time. One asked what would happen if the big bulletin board on the wall were to fall on J. C., and Mr. Brown said he would most likely wake up flat. That led to speculation about what such a life might be like.

After writing "Flat Stanley," Mr. Brown went on to "Stanley and the Magic Lamp," "Stanley in Space," "Stanley's Christmas Adventure," "Invisible Stanley" and finally "Stanley, Flat Again!" www.nytimes.com

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

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THE READ ALOUD

BEFORE READING

Use these before reading the story to help students activate background knowledge and make predictions:

- Does anybody recognize this book? (Explain that this one of a series of books about this character).

THE POLAR EXPRESS

TOPICS & THEMES:
Mystery

Fame

Courage

Tips for every book!

POWER PHRASES:

I WONDER...

I NOTICE...

TELL ME MORE...

DIGGING DEEPER:

"Tell me more, why do you think that?"

"How do you know that?"

"Why do you think they feel like that?"

"Interesting, did you notice anything else?"

- I wonder why this book is called Flat Stanley?
- Where do you think the story will take place?
- What do you notice about the front cover? What does that hat make you think of? Does anyone know what we call this kind of hat?

DURING THE STORY

Use these while reading the story to help students interpret the action and content.

READ UP TO PAGE 36

- p.3 So now do we know why Stanley is flat?
- P.4 Have you ever been on journey that lasted 9 hours?!
- P.6 Why do you think it's called Cadillac Ranch?
- P.9 I wonder if they're going to get in trouble with the police officer?
- P.9 Show me what a rattlesnake in a hurricane might look like?!
- P.13 I wonder why the police officer knows of Flat Stanley?
- P.28 How would you feel to have everyone scream your name like that?
- P.33 Why do you think he tore the note up?

AFTER READING

Use these after reading the story to help students understand what they just read.

- Explain that the rest of the story is for them to find out what happens next!

BRINGING THE BOOK TO LIFE!

- If you could go on an adventure anywhere, where would it be and why?
- Would you like to be flat like Stanley?!

COOPERATIVE LEARNING

- Share with your neighbor what you think will happen next, ask those who would like to share back with the class their neighbors ideas.