

YouthREAD 2023

Grades 2-3
Book Selection

Community
READ!

High and Dry

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Dylan lives on a remote island in the Pacific Northwest with his parents, but when they have to go to the mainland, his grandfather weathers a storm to come spend time with him. A gift from his grandfather leads the duo to a dangerous discovery: a young orca got stuck on the rocks during the storm. Racing against the sun and the heat, Dylan and Grandpa need to work together to figure out how to save the calf while his pod circles nearby.

Join our CommunityREAD by reading and sharing this book, then enrich the experience with these questions and activities.

Discussion Questions

- How would you describe the relationship between grandson and grandfather?
- What would you do if you found a whale stranded on a beach?
- Have you ever lost power during a storm? What did you do to pass the time?
- What fascinating new facts did you learn about orcas while reading this book?

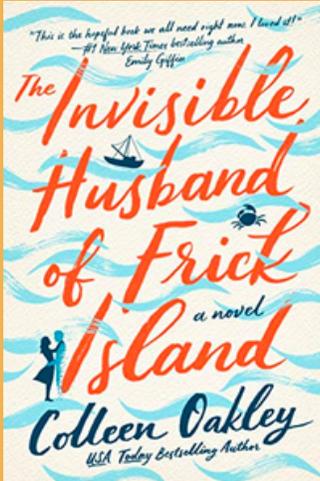
Activities

- If you could save an endangered animal, which would you choose? Read more about the animal then share what you have learned with others by writing a story or coloring a picture.
- Invent your own plan for saving Oreo the Orca. Draw your rescue plan and label it with details.

Share what you did with the library on Facebook (facebook.com/FHCPL) or Instagram (@FHCPL).

WHAT IS COMMUNITYREAD?

CommunityREAD is a month-long community event that encourages reading and discussion. Each year, a different CommunityREAD book is chosen, along with a selection of YouthREAD books that explore similar topics and themes for younger readers.



The 2023 CommunityREAD book is *The Invisible Husband of Frick Island* by Colleen Oakley. The author will present at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts on April 6, 2023.

2023 YOUTHREAD TITLES

- PreK-Grade 1: *We Forgot Brock!* by Carter Goodrich
- Grades 2-3: *High and Dry* by Eric Walters
- Grades 4-6: *Caterpillar Summer* by Gillian McDunn
- Grades 7-8: *The Line Tender* by Kate Allen
- Grades 9-12: *We Were Liars* by e. lockhart