

## **Do Not Open This Book**

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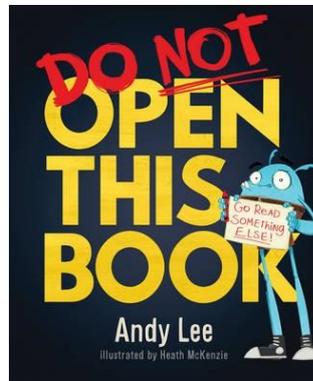
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This guy will do anything for you not to open this book!

Threats, bribes, reverse psychology - you name it!

A hilarious new book from radio extraordinaire and all-round funny guy, Andy Lee.

Young readers will love doing everything they're asked not to!



### **Themes:**

- Reverse psychology
- Opposites
- Not doing what you are asked
- Humour
- Suspense

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Before reading the story, how would you describe the character on the front?
- What do you think he will be like? What clues are there?
- Are you going to obey what he says and *Not Open This Book*?
- Why do you think there would even be a book called *Do Not Open This Book*?
- Do you think he really doesn't want us to open the book?
- Do you know what 'reverse psychology' is? If so, do you think that is what is happening here?
- How does the character's mood change as the story progresses?
- How does the use of colour and font set the mood for the story and give us hints about what is happening?
- What are some other examples of things that we are told not to do but we do them anyway? Do you think that is a good or bad thing? Explain.
- Do you think that there is suspense in this story? If so, how and why does it build?
- What were the punishments that the character wanted to give to the child? What would you make them do for not following the rules?

### **Activities:**

- Make your own 'angry' character. Give him or her a name and at least one unique physical characteristic.
- Write your own version of *Do Not Open This Book*. Include pictures of the character that you created and what he or she turns into at the end.