

## ***A Bad Day***

An Author Program

for Second and Third Grade

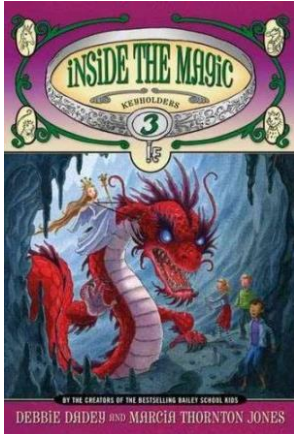
Please use the following pre and post event activities for a richer, fuller literacy experience.

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A complete Author Visit Activity guide can be found at  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

## Webquest

In **Inside the Magic**, the third book in the *Keyholder* series, the kids must go on a quest inside a magic land. Have your own quest on Debbie Dadey's website and seek out the answers to the questions below at [www.debbiedadey.com](http://www.debbiedadey.com).

### Meet Debbie page

1. Can you name three sports that Debbie has enjoyed?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Debbie do that caused her to learn the Gettysburg address by heart?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Debbie's grandmother do that contributed to making Debbie a writer?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Can you name another job Debbie had besides being a writer? \_\_\_\_\_

### Books Page

1. Which one of Debbie's series has the most books in it? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name a book that Debbie wrote with her son, Nathan. \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is Debbie's newest series? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Look at all of Debbie's books on her website. Which one looks like one that you might like to read? Why?

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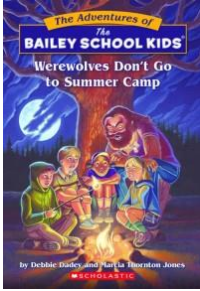
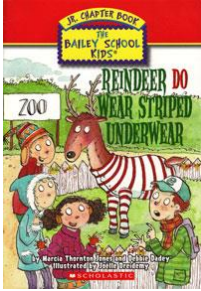


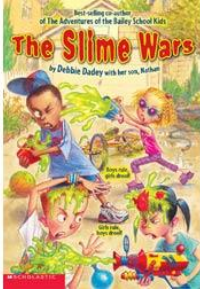
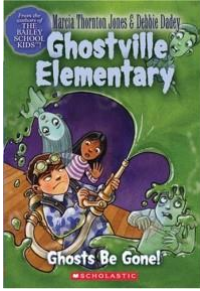
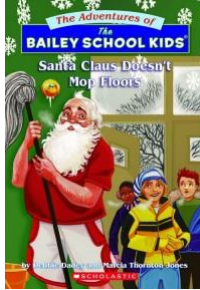
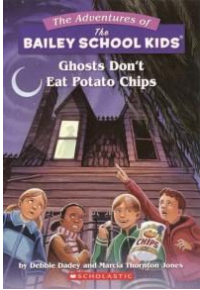
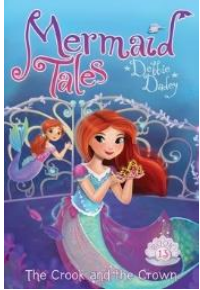
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Match one of the words below to Debbie Dadey's books. Answers may vary.

scary silly slimy spooky strange wet fantasy royal holiday

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Author Debbie Dadey creates characters for her stories.

You can create your own character below by making up things about your starfish. This is called a character sketch.



Starfish's name \_\_\_\_\_

Best friend's name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's name \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite thing to do after school \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite sport to play \_\_\_\_\_

Hates to do this \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite food \_\_\_\_\_

Hates to eat this \_\_\_\_\_

Scary thing \_\_\_\_\_

You can use the back to draw a map of where your starfish lives, much like the map in Mermaid Tales.

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Debbie Dadey has fun writing about ocean creatures. You can too! Use your starfish character sketch to create your own story. Remember sometimes writing can be stinky, but it can be fixed! Try reading your finished story aloud.



Story's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What is wrong with your starfish? Every story must have a problem! (conflict)

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Now, in the space below write about an adventure your starfish has. Make sure it solves the problem. Can you have a beginning, a middle, and an end? Use the back to finish.

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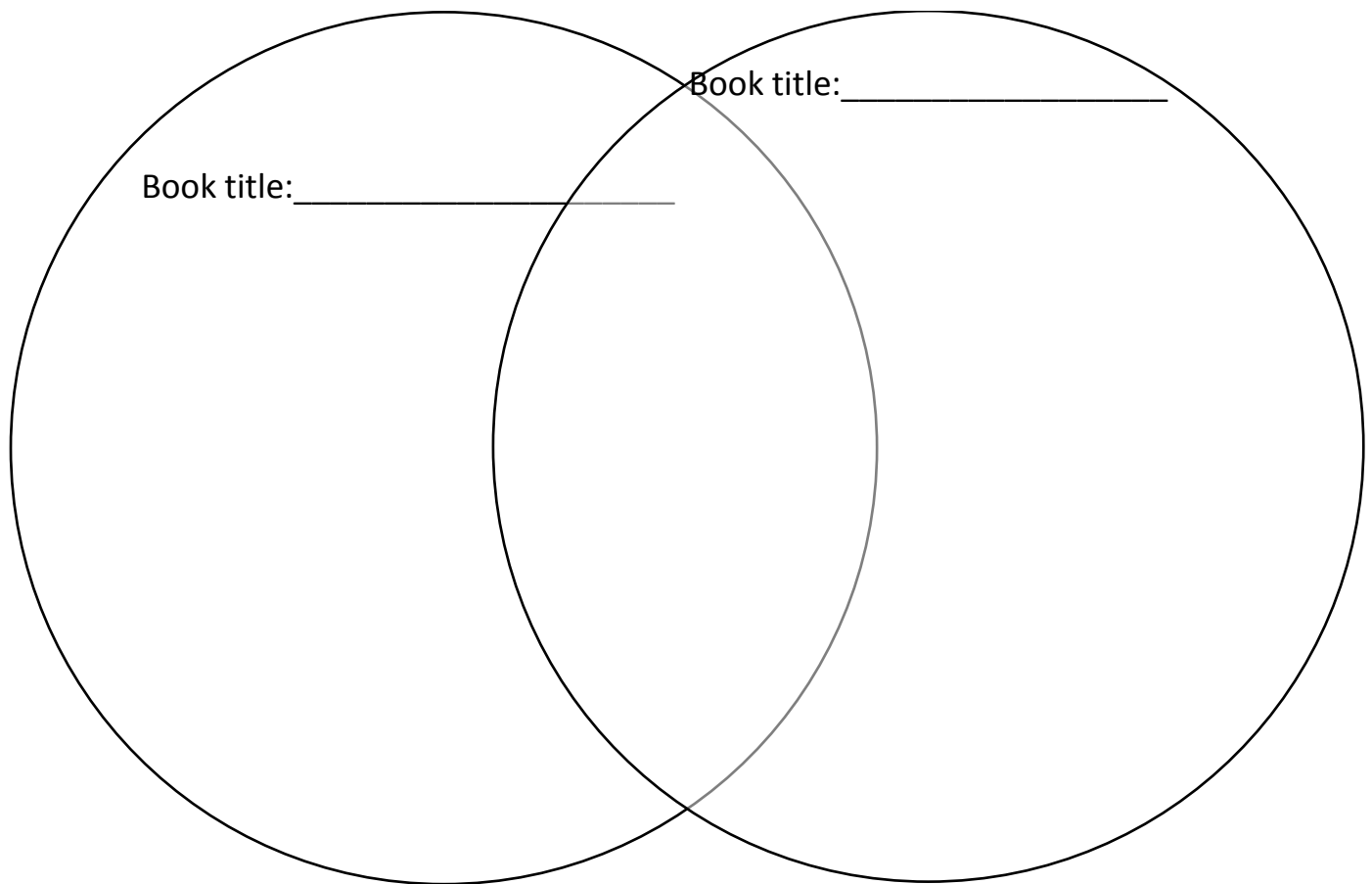
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In the space below, compare and contrast two books by Debbie Dadey. Use words to tell about each book below the title. In the center section tell how the books are alike. Use the back if you'd like to make a bigger diagram.



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