

How To Give A Booktalk

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Purpose of a Booktalk

- 📖 Share a book that you have enjoyed.
- 📖 Convince the listeners to read the book.
- 📖 "Booktalks give a glimpse of the book, ensnaring the listener's attention...A good booktalk reaches out to the listeners...and makes them care enough about the people in the book to want to read it and see what happens at the end of the talk."

Booktalk! By Joni Bodart

Preparation

- 📖 Write an interesting opening—you want to grab the audience's attention
- 📖 Prepare a talk that includes the following (write it out so you can practice):
 - ★ Title of the book, author, genre, brief summary of the plot
 - ★ You will need to tell enough about the story to involve and entice the audience—BUT NEVER TELL THE ENDING
- 📖 Find a scene from the book that you will read aloud—it may be funny or suspenseful—remember the purpose is to intrigue the audience and make them want to read the book to find out what happens in the story
- 📖 End your talk with a concluding sentence that will also persuade the listeners to read the book—a commentary, a recommendation, a personal connection, etc.

Presentation

- 📖 Practice! Practice! Practice!
 - ★ Plan what you are going to do, how you will display the book, what you will do with your hands
 - ★ Rehearse the section that you will be reading from the book so you can read it with expression and pronounce all the words correctly
- 📖 Have a copy of the book to display that is marked with the page(s) that you will read aloud
- 📖 Speak loudly and clearly—so the audience can hear and appreciate your message

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