

Realia from the Sunshine Books

Create a display using related realia and statements about events or people in each book. The statements can be typed or hand-lettered, laminated on construction paper or poster board and displayed with the matching realia. You might consider hanging the laminated statement and realia above your Sunshine book display.

You can use the realia and corresponding statements in two ways:

- The entire statement can be placed on display for reading motivation.
- The clue can be used without mentioning the book's title. This could then become a contest (*i.e.*, Mystery Object Contest) as students are asked to identify which book matches the clue and realia. The clue and the realia should be numbered and should correspond to a numbered contest entry slip.

Book: **A Face First**

Item: Tweezers and Q-tips

Statement: For what painful process are these two items used? Read *A Face First* to find the answer.

Book: **Doing Time Online**

Item: Computer mouse

Statement: How does this item fit into the punishment given to Mitchell? Read *Doing Time Online* to find out how they are related.

Book: **Hoot**

Item: Survey stakes with pink plastic ribbon attached

Statement: Why are survey stakes important to a construction project? Read *Hoot* to find out how one boy tries to stop the construction of a restaurant.

Book: **Miracle's Boys**

Item: Red and blue scarf (gang colors)

Statement: How can wearing these colors get you into big trouble in some communities? What would you decide to do? Read *Miracle's Boys* to help you make the decision.

Book: **No More Dead Dogs**

Item: Football

Statement: What actions do you think could turn a football hero into the most hated guy in a school? Read *No More Dead Dogs* and follow the drama!

Book: **Playing for Keeps**

Items: baseball cards, baseball, cruise ship ticket, blue T-shirt, straw hat, deck of playing cards.

Statement: How likely would it be if there were two Ricky Diagos on the same ship? Read *Playing for Keeps* to find out if it was possible.

Book: **Regular Guy**

Item: Family photograph

Statement: Have you ever thought you were adopted? Read *Regular Guy* to find out why Guy thought he had been adopted.

Book: **Ruby Holler**

Item: Sleeping bag

Statement: What were Dallas and Florida really doing when they said they were testing out the new sleeping bags? Read *Ruby Holler* to find the answer to this question.

Book: **Silver Dollar Girl**

Item: Silver nugget

Statement: Would you change your appearance, leave your hometown and all your loved ones to try to find this treasure? Read *Silver Dollar Girl* to find out what happens when one person does exactly that.

Book: **Stick and Whittle**

Item: Gray blanket

Statement: How can this blanket keep you from being killed? Read *Stick and Whittle* to find out the answer.

Book: **Storm Warriors**

Item: Signal flags

Statement: How were these signal flags used to save lives by the courageous men in this story? Read *Storm Warriors* to find the answer.

Book: **Things Not Seen**

Item: Electric blanket/or electric blanket control

Statement: How can this item make you invisible? Read *Things Not Seen* to find out.

Book: **Three Days**

Item: Strawberry Bubble Bath

Statement: What type of kidnapper draws a bubble bath for her captive? Read *Three Days* to find the answer.

Book: **Touching Spirit Bear**

Item: Rock

Statement: How is a rock supposed to remind Cole of his ancestors? Read *Touching Spirit Bear* to find out.

Book: **Wild Man Island**

Item: Picture of a kayak

Statement: What happens to Andy when he goes for a short ride in the kayak? Read *Wild Man Island* to find out.