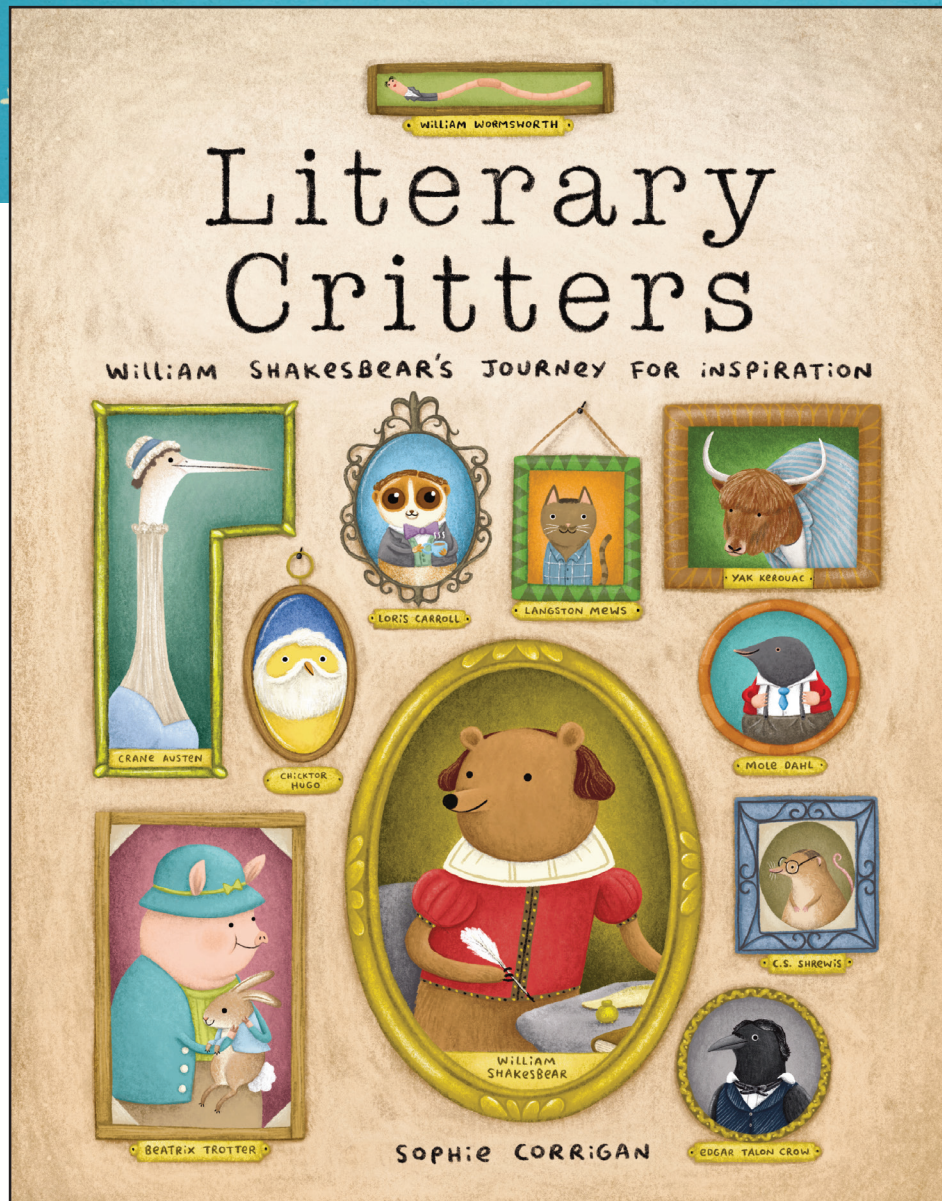


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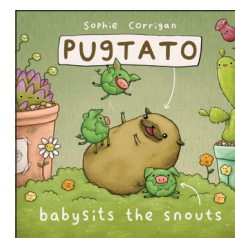
THIS PLAYFUL PICTURE BOOK promotes literacy and storytelling as quirky playwright William Shakesbear seeks writing inspiration from his Literary Critters Guild friends—Mole Dahl, Crane Austen, Beatrix Trotter, Edgar Talon Crow, Yak Kerouac, C.S. Shrewis, Langston Mews, and more!

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William Shakesbear is spokesbear of the Literary Critters Guild. William is the animal version of human poet and playwright William Shakespeare. Can you match these guild members to their famous human author counterparts?



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Door Hanger

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to create a two-sided door hanger. Tape the open edges together to seal. Cut along the dotted lines to hang on a doorknob.

I'm out seeking inspiration!



Shhhhhh, I'm hibernating.



Come back later.

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Story Themes



William Shakesbear visits his Literary Critters Guild friends asking for advice on where to find inspiration for the topic of his next play. Mole Dahl says, “A little magic can take you a long way!” Crane Austen tells him, “The best stories are based on relationships.” Beatrix Trotter suggests, “Get yourself a pet, William! My bunnies get up to such mischief, I can’t help but write about their antics.” And Edgar Talon Crow says, “Look around, my friend. I often find inspiration in the shadows. I’m quite fond of ghoulish and spooky tales.”

What kinds of stories do you like best? Make a list of the books you’ve read that fit these themes:

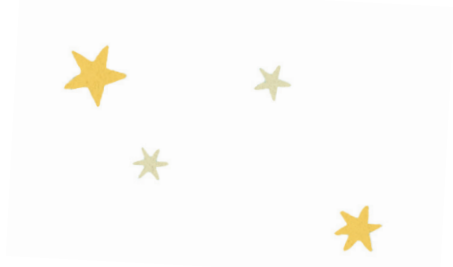
Magical stories:

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Friendship stories:

Spooky stories:

Compare your list with a friend.



Your Inspiration

Select an element from William's fantastical dream, like the running carrot or artistic cookie, and write a story or poem about it on the following page.



