

This Is NOT That Kind of Book

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Synopsis: It's an ABC book.....no, it's a fairy tale.....no, it's a sci-fi romp on Mars....

In reality, though, it's a genre-bending story of friendship and expectations, and breaking out of your mold to make something new!

Suggested Reading Dates:

- The Week of September 19th, International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- April Fool's Day (this may be the better choice, when the kids are more comfortable with ideas like genre and characters)
- Aligned PACE Characteristics: Courage (May), Diligence (March)

Activity Descriptions:

- Play Mad Libs! The spirit of this book is changing expectations; go from the macro idea of the book to the micro idea of how individual word choices matter.
- A scavenger hunt in the library for books that fit the different genres in the story: ABC books, mystery books, pirate books, etc.
- Try a Progressive Story, where one student leads off, then the next adds on a sentence, and the story keeps going. It's fun to see where the kids take things!

Related Websites:

- Author Website: <https://christopherhealy.com/>
- Illustrator Website: <https://www.benmantle.co.uk/>
- The Official Mad Libs Website, with links to apps: <http://www.madlibs.com/>
- Random House website for the book: <http://rhcbbooks.com/books/567264/this-is-not-that-kind-of-book-by-christopher-healy-illustrated-by-ben-mantle>
- Progressive Stories: <http://www.reading-with-kids.com/progressivestories.html>

Text to Text Connections:

Duckworth, the Difficult Child by Michael Sussman

The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

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