

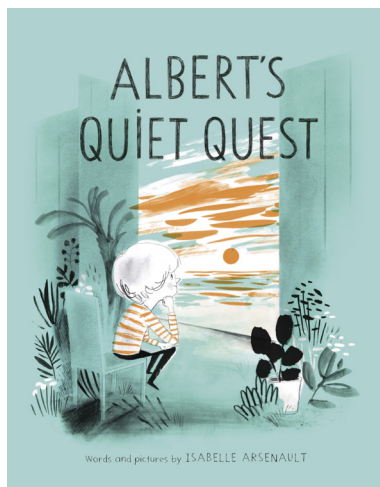
# ALBERT'S QUIET QUEST



READING PARTY KIT



## ABOUT THE BOOK



*Albert just wants to read his book in peace . . . why won't his friends give him some quiet? A delightful picture book about finding alone time from an internationally acclaimed illustrator.*

There are so many distractions in Albert's Mile End neighborhood, what's a book-loving introvert to do? Desperate for a quiet place to read, Albert storms out to the alley behind

his house where his friends and neighbors often meet to play. Lucky him — not only is no one around today, but he finds an old painting of a beach scene that someone's left for the trash.

The painting sparks Albert's imagination, spurring him on a zen-like quest for a quiet reading break on a sunset beach, a moment to unplug and find peace. And he almost does too, except for those meddling Mile End kids . . . who just want to have some fun, as LOUDLY as possible. Will Albert ever find a moment of quiet to enjoy his book? Or could his friends be looking for a book break of their own?

Readers will love this adorably relatable story of a quiet kid, his big imagination and bringing friends together through the magic of reading.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

### ISABELLE ARSENAULT

studied graphic design at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

She has achieved international recognition for her work and won many awards and distinctions,

including three Governor General's Awards for Children's Literature, the Joe Shuster Award for Outstanding Artist, the Bologna Ragazzi Award in 2017 and IBBY Canada's Cleaver Picture Book Award, and has been featured twice on the *New York Times*' "10 Best Illustrated Books" list, in 2011 and 2013. In 2018, she was nominated for the Hans Christian Anderson Award by IBBY Canada. She lives with her family in Mile End, Montréal.



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# HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Decide on the date, time, duration, place and theme of your reading party.

- If you can't host at home, encourage your school, local bookstore or library to help.
- Themes can be anything, from books featuring beaches or cats to spooky books to picture books or graphic novels to books by local authors!
- Create a suggested reading list based on your theme.

2. Invite friends and family to join you.

3. Create posters about the reading party to help spread the word. You can even make more decorations like banners or bunting. We've included the beach scene that Albert uses to find his peace, print and frame it to get started!

4. Make sure there are comfortable chairs, pillows or blankets for people to read on.

5. If you'd like, have a snack and drink station set up for people to fuel up on. We recommend softer foods that don't make loud crunches when people are reading quietly.

6. When everyone has arrived, be sure to thank them for participating. Then, at the appointed time, set the clock and read!

## POSTER & SUGGESTED READING LIST

As a part of this kit, you'll find a poster template that you can fill out and decorate.



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# READING PARTY!

The theme for this reading party is:

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Please bring books based on this theme to read and share.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

DURATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Here are some suggested books to read:

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You can cut and frame this beach scene and display it for your reading party:

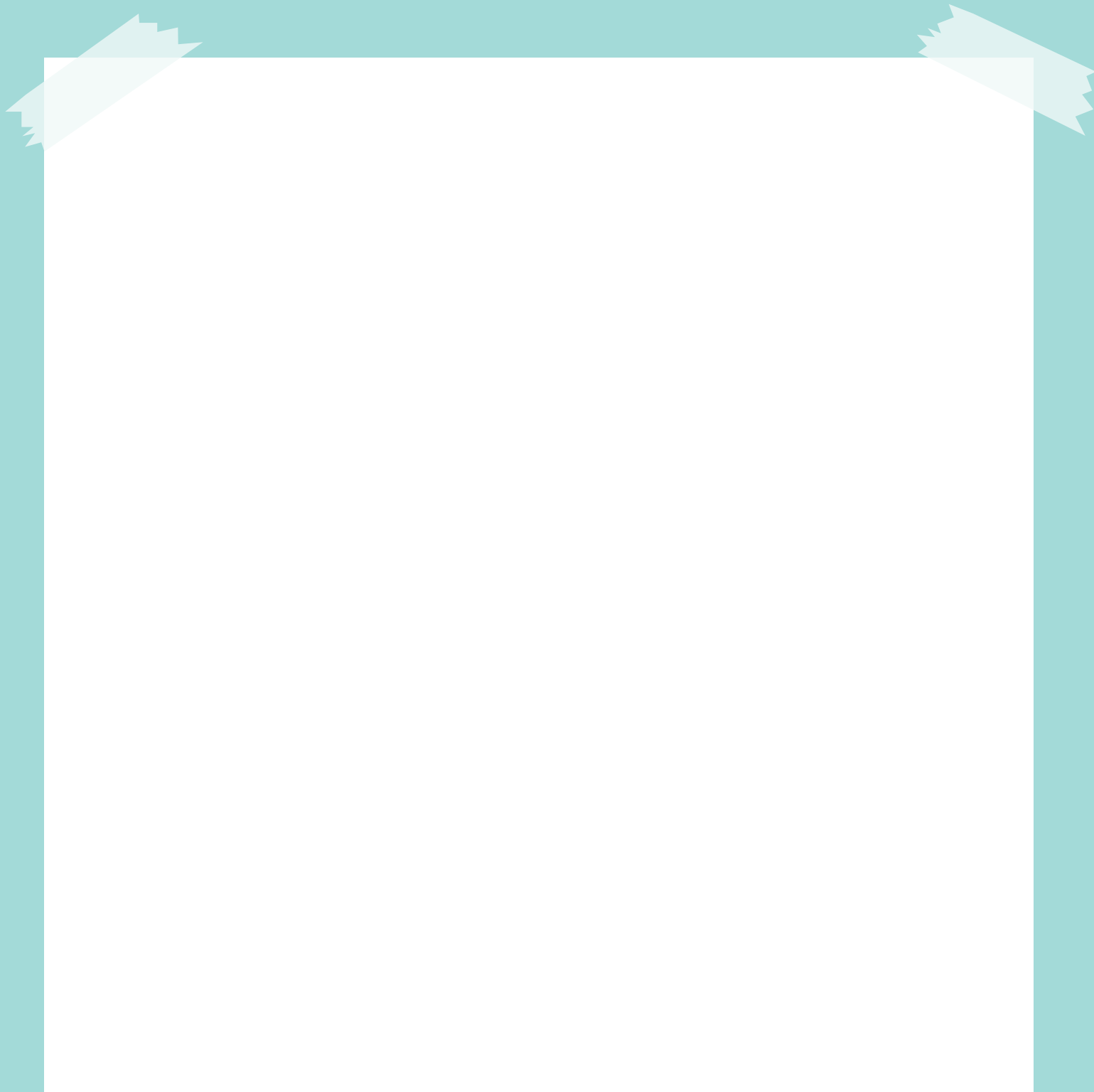


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If the beach isn't your reading scene, draw your own perfect reading spot here:



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