

The Day the Crayons Came Home

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

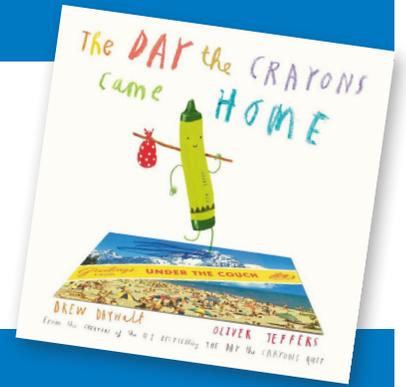
Themes: Postcard Writing, Travel, Homecoming

Book Brief: What do you think happens to crayons when you lose them under the couch or leave them behind on a trip? Well, Duncan's lost and forgotten crayons have had enough—and they've all written him

postcards to let him know how they feel!

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background: Have you ever gone on a trip and sent a postcard? Have you ever gotten a postcard in the mail? Why do people send postcards?

While reading, turn out the lights: This book has a special glow-in-the-dark section. Find a dark place to read these pages. Where else have you seen glow-in-

the-dark paint? Can you think of any plants or animals that glow in the dark naturally?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which postcard did you like the best?
- ◆ Which crayon had the most interesting story?
- ◆ Do you think the red crayon actually visited all the places it said it did? Why or why not?
- ◆ Why do you think Duncan built a fort for all of his crayons?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

PEAS, PLEASE

Poor green crayon! It thinks everyone hates pea green. Prove it wrong by chowing down on your favorite pea recipe. Try making pea soup tonight for dinner, add a handful of frozen peas to your mashed potatoes or macaroni and cheese, or just enjoy some raw snap peas with your favorite dip or dressing. See? Sometimes it is easy being green!

PLAYING FAVORITES

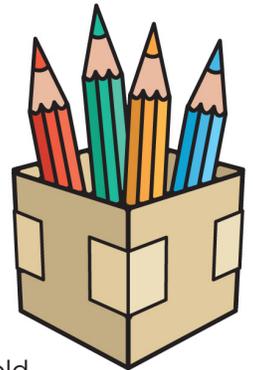
Materials: large index cards, markers or crayons, pens
Postcards usually show famous or exciting places, landmarks, or events. What's the coolest part of your town? On a large index card, draw a picture of your favorite thing about where you live. It could be a beautiful building, a nice park, or a fun festival—anything you think represents the best part of your town. On the back of the card, write a description of your

picture and explain why it's your favorite thing about where you live. Then, mail the card to a relative or friend who lives far away.

JUST IN CASE

Materials: scrap items from around the house, markers, glue or tape

Think of an everyday item you lose all the time, like hair clips or pencils. Follow Duncan's example and build a case or container to hold these items so you'll never lose them again. Your container can be small and easy to carry so you can bring it with you, or it can be large and stay in one place inside your house. Decorate the outside of the container to help your items feel at home!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR OR ILLUSTRATOR

The Day the Crayons Quit (2013)
Stuck (2011)
The Heart and the Bottle (2010)



Reading Is
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