

NOVEL STUDY ACTIVITIES FROM GROUNDWOOD BOOKS

ABOUT THE BOOK

Danny finds himself stranded at the bottom of a giant construction hole, armed with nothing but his school backpack, his wits — and the company of a poetry-spouting mole.

“A thoroughly engrossing short tale . . . fantastical yet familiar, timeless, and with just the right touch of sentiment and seriousness.”
— Todd Kyle, *CM Magazine*

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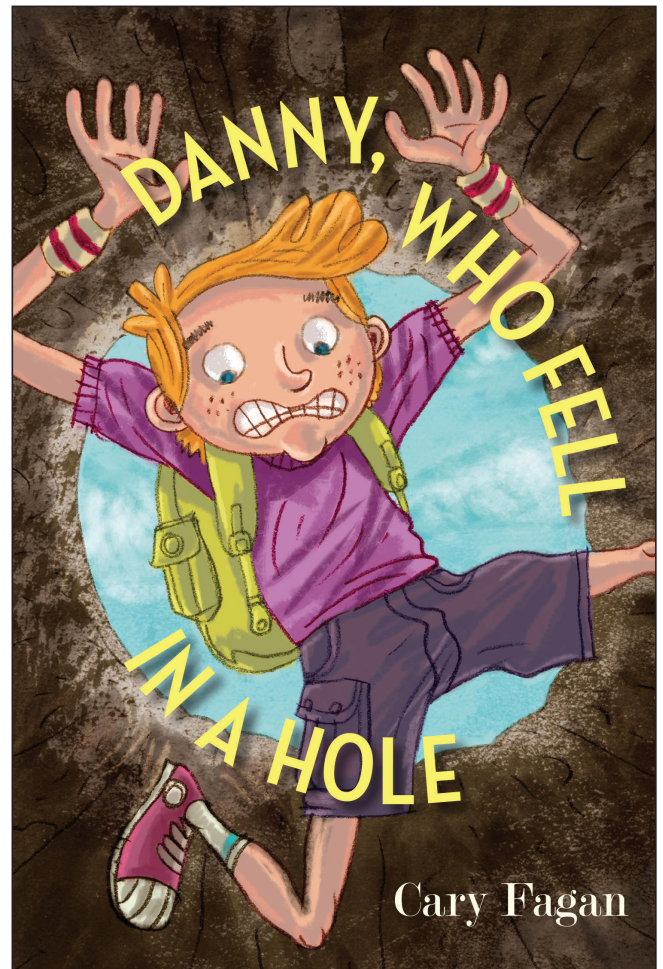
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BREAKING NEWS

Danny’s experience at the construction site would make a great front-page news story.



Write a one-page report on his adventure on your own or with a partner. You can include interviews with Danny himself, his family, or maybe even Mole or the family dog, Thwack. Make sure you answer these important questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? And don't forget to use a catchy headline.



Danny, Who Fell in a Hole

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BE PREPARED

Create a poster using words and pictures that would offer good advice to someone in Danny's situation. Your poster might include pictures of what to keep in your backpack at all times (granola bars); information about how to construct a shelter using nothing but a garbage bag, nail clippers and paper clips; or advice on how to communicate with animals you might meet. Be creative, and be as silly as you can.



PUT IT ON THE MAP

If Danny had seen a map of his neighborhood that included the construction site, perhaps he would have been able to avoid falling into the hole. In order to avoid the same fate, draw your own map of a route you take regularly, and be sure to include details that you might normally overlook (e.g., overhanging tree branches that might fall on your head, a resident cat that might escape and trip you, etc.).

You might want to map the route between your home and school, your home and a friend's home or any two places that you visit often. Just make sure you are looking out for, and mapping, all of the potential pitfalls.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

Write a short story or draw a comic strip based on one of the following ideas, inspired by the events that take place in *Danny, Who Fell in a Hole*:

- What would happen if you met an animal who could talk (and quote poetry)?
- What would you do if your parents announced that your family was moving to another country?
- What would you do if you were left alone (accidentally) for a whole weekend?
- What lengths would you go to in order to get a pet or keep your existing pet?