

## **YHBA Novel Resource - The Bake Shop Ghost**

### **Young Hoosier Book Award Book**

The Bake Shop Ghost by Jacqueline K. Ogburn Illustrated by Marjorie Priceman

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### **Publisher**

Houghton Mifflin

### **About the Author**

Jacqueline Ogburn is the author of eight picture books. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and two daughters. She uses personal experiences, family memories, antiques, even songs, to inspire her stories. Two of her books, The Magic Nesting Doll and The Lady and the Lion have been translated into Greek and Korean.

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## **Connections to the Book**

“My newest work, The Bake Shop Ghost, was inspired by listening to the Charlie Daniels song "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." A duel with a spirit is an old folktale motif. I translated the idea to a more modern setting with female characters.”

-Jacqueline Ogburn

## **Other Books by the Author**

The Reptile Ball

The Magic Nesting Doll

The Lady and the Lion

The Jukebox Man

Masked Maverick

Noise Lullaby Volume 1

Scarlett Angelina Wolverton-Manning

## **Awards**

The Reptile Ball - ABA Pick of the Lists title and the New York Public Library 100 Books for Reading and Sharing.

The Magic Nesting Doll - Storyteller's World Honor Book and a West Virginia Children's Choice nominee

The Jukebox Man - AAUW Award for Juvenile Literature

## **About the Illustrator**

Marjorie Priceman is the author and illustrator of many books for children. She attended the Rhode Island School of Design and is known for her brightly colored, lively watercolor illustrations. Ms. Priceman has worked with many authors including news anchor Katie Couric.

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### **Other Books Written and Illustrated by the Illustrator**

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World

Little Red Riding Hood: A Classic Collectable Pop-Up

Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride

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It's Me, Marva!: A Story About Color and Optical Illusions

Friend or Frog

Hearts Playing Cards

My Nine Lives by Clio

My Pet

Princess Picky

### **Other Books Illustrated by the Illustrator**

Brand New Kid by Katie Couric

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin by Lloyd Moss

One of Each by Mary Ann Hoberman

For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone by Jack Prelutsky

The Blue Ribbon Day by Katie Couric

Rachel Fister's Blister by Amy MacDonald

Cousin Ruth's Tooth by Amy MacDonald

Things that Sometimes Happen by Avi

This is the Day by Phyllis Gershator

Serefinia Under the Circumstances by Phyllis Theroux

Tiny Tiny Boy and Big Big Cow by Nancy Van Laan

What Zeesie Saw on Delancy Street by Elsa Okon Rael

When Zaydeh Danced on Eldridge Street by Elsa Okon Rael

Mouse in my House by Nancy Van Laan

How Emily Blair Got Fabulous Hair by Susan Garrison

Dancin' in the Kitchen by Wendy Gelsanliter

For Laughing Out Louder: More Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone by Jack Prelutsky

A Nonny Mouse Writes Again! By Jack Prelutsky

## **Awards**

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin - Caldecott Honor

## **Art Medium**

Watercolors

## **Annotation**

The Bake Shop Ghost by Jacqueline K. Ogburn is a heartwarming story of friendship and determination. Ms. Ogburn is a gifted author of many children's books based on family experiences, fables and folktales, and songs. Illustrated by Caldecott Honor winner Marjorie Priceman, this book has beautiful watercolor illustrations that match the story's vibrant pace.

Miss Cora Lee Merriweather is the town's famed baker who makes the most delicious creations. When she passes away, the townspeople are devastated. Many bakers try to take Cora Lee's place, only to be run out of the bakeshop by her ghost. Annie Washington comes to town and buys the shop, and meets Miss Merriweather's ghost on her first night of baking. Determined to make the shop hers, Annie makes a deal with the ghost – if she can bake a cake that fills Cora Lee and brings tears to her eyes, the ghost will no longer haunt the bakeshop. Much to Annie's surprise, Cora Lee criticizes each and every cake that is made and poor Annie runs out of recipes. A book from the library about the town history holds the key to the perfect cake for Miss Merriweather. Annie not only gets her bakeshop, but also makes a friend in the process.

## **Genre**

Friendship Fiction

## **Point of View**

Third Person

## **Theme**

Friendship and Persistence

The title The Bake Shop Ghost refers to one of the main characters, Cora Lee Merriweather, the deceased owner of a bake shop who haunts the shop in search of friendship.

## **Characters**

Cora Lee Merriweather – original bake shop owner, recently deceased

Gerda Stein – first buyer of the bake shop after Ms. Merriweather's death

Frederico Spinelli - second buyer of the bake shop after Ms. Merriweather's death  
Sophie Kristoff - third buyer of the bake shop after Ms. Merriweather's death  
Annie Washington - final buyer of the bake shop after Ms. Merriweather's death  
Townspeople

### **Setting**

Merriweather Bake Shop – present times

### **Conflict**

Internal conflict - Cora Lee Merriweather's ghost continues to haunt Annie until a cake is baked that can fill her up and bring a tear to her eye.

### **Conflict Resolution**

Annie finds the perfect cake for Cora Lee – a birthday cake! As an orphan and a baker, Cora Lee never received a birthday cake. Cora Lee and Annie continue to bake together and make a birthday cake for each other every year.

### **Interest Level**

Grades 1-4 Perma-Bound Resources

### **Reading Level**

4.7 Perma-Bound Resources

### **Booktalk**

What's your favorite kind of cake? Have you ever made a cake? In the book The Bake Shop Ghost by Jacqueline Ogburn, the townspeople love the baked goods from Cora Lee Merriweather's Bake Shop. When Ms. Merriweather passes away, many bakers try to replace her with no success. Until one day, when Annie Washington comes to town. But even the tastiest of cakes cannot please everyone. If you have a sweet tooth, you're sure to enjoy this book!

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **Before Reading**

What is your favorite kind of cake?

Have you ever made a cake?

What are the steps that you followed to make a cake?

#### **During Reading**

What would you do if you were Gerda Stein? page 8

What does Annie mean when she said, "Just what I want – a kitchen that doesn't rock up and down"? page 13

Why do you think Annie stand up to Cora Lee? page 19

What made the birthday cake the perfect cake for Cora Lee? page 27 – 2<sup>nd</sup> line

#### **After Reading**

What made Annie and Cora such good partners?

## Anticipation Statements

Before		<b>The Bake Shop Ghost</b> By Jacqueline K. Ogburn Illustrated by Marjorie Priceman	After	
Agree	Disagree		Agree	Disagree
		Ghosts are real.		
		Bakers know how to make many different types of cakes and confections.		
		Everyone likes to receive birthday cakes.		
		If you are determined to succeed at something, you can.		

### Language

utensils (page 17) – a tool used in the kitchen for cooking or baking; spatula, whisk, spoon, etc.

flummoxed (page 17) - confused

scorched (page 8) – burnt

marzipan (page 11) – a thick paste made of sugar and almonds that can be molded

brimming (page 27) – filled (with tears in this case)

### Read-Alikes

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Hearts Playing Cards by Marjorie Priceman

My Nine Lives by Clio by Marjorie Priceman

My Pet by Marjorie Priceman

Princess Picky by Marjorie Priceman

Five Little Monkeys Bake a Birthday Cake by Eileen Christelow

If You Give A Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

**Book Activities**

**Collecting Data and Creating a Graph - Independent  
Collecting Data**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ask your classmates what their favorite type of cake is. They have the choices that are listed in the chart. Use a tally mark to show you classmates' choices.

<b>Favorite Type of Cake</b>	<b>Number of Students – Tally Marks</b>
<b>Chocolate Cake</b>	
<b>White Cake</b>	
<b>Chocolate Chip or Funfetti</b>	
<b>Cheesecake</b>	
<b>Fruit Cake</b>	

Take the data that you have collected from your classmates and create a bar graph. Use the grid below.

<b>10</b>					
<b>9</b>					
<b>8</b>					
<b>7</b>					
<b>6</b>					
<b>5</b>					
<b>4</b>					
<b>3</b>					

<b>2</b>					
<b>1</b>					
	<b>Chocolate Cake</b>	<b>White Cake</b>	<b>Chocolate Chip or Funfetti</b>	<b>Cheesecake</b>	<b>Fruit Cake</b>

**Doubling and Halving a Recipe - Independent  
Doubling and Halving a Recipe**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bring in a copy of your favorite family recipe or choose a recipe from a cookbook or a cooking website. Write down 5 measurements from your recipe in the chart below. Then, double each measurement ( $\times 2$ ) and halve each measurement ( $\div 2$ ).

<b>ingredient</b>	<b>original recipe measurement</b>	<b><math>\times 2</math></b>	<b><math>\div 2</math></b>

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## **Indiana Academic Standards met by Book Activities**

Second Grade Math

2.1.11 Collect and record numerical data in systematic ways.

2.1.12 Represent, compare, and interpret data using tables, tally charts, and bar graphs.

Third Grade Math

3.2.5 Show mastery of multiplication facts for 2, 5, and 10.

3.2.4 Know and use the inverse relationship between multiplication and division facts, such as 6 742, 42 76, 7 642, 42 67.

## **Resources**

*Family Fun Baking.* June 13, 2008, from

[http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/kids/specialfeature/baking\\_rec\\_newsletter\\_04/](http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/kids/specialfeature/baking_rec_newsletter_04/).

This website has great recipes for kids to learn the basics of baking. If resources allow, this could be a fun math connection for an “indoor recess” day! (Be sure to contact parents of all students to verify health related concerns.)

*Top 10 Tips and Tricks with Watercolor Paints.* June 13, 208, from

<http://www.kidsart.com/ttwatercolor.html>.

This art-related website has lots of new ideas and different techniques for using watercolor paints. Students will enjoy adding texture to their paintings and using non-standard tools, (salt, plastic wrap, bubble wrap, seeds, and rubber bands,) to create unique pieces of art.

*Food Network Educational Baking.* June 13, 2008, from

[http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/lf\\_kids/article/0,1904,FOOD\\_16382\\_3103429,00.html](http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/lf_kids/article/0,1904,FOOD_16382_3103429,00.html).

This website from the television network offers parents and teachers a resource for teaching math, culture, organization, following directions, and responsibility all through baking! Ten basic cooking techniques are also demonstrated in short videos and have corresponding recipes using the demonstrated technique.

## **Across the Curriculum Connections**

### **Holidays and Celebrations - Social Studies**

After reading The Bake Shop Ghost, discuss how different families celebrate birthdays. In the story, “no birthday was complete without a Merriweather layer cake with buttercream frosting.” Have students brainstorm a list of other holidays and the significant food that is eaten. Using books from your local public library or school media center, discuss 1 or 2 holidays and how they are celebrated in several countries around

the world, focusing on the food that is eaten.

#### Optional Resources

Holiday! : Celebration Days Around the World by Deborah Chancellor

Holidays Through the Year by Goldish Meish

Celebrations by Anabel Kindersly

Spring Celebrations Series: World Book's Celebrations and Rituals Around the World

Winter Celebrations Series: World Book's Celebrations and Rituals Around the World

National Celebrations Series: World Book's Celebrations and Rituals Around the World

We Celebrate by Brenda Parkes

#### Kindergarten Social Studies

K.1.2 Identify celebrations and holidays as a way of remembering and honoring people, events and America's ethnic heritage.

#### First Grade Social Studies

1.1.5 Identify people and events observed in national celebrations and holidays.

#### Second Grade Social Studies

2.1.4 Identify and describe community celebrations, symbols and traditions and explain why they are important. (Individuals, Society and Culture)

### **Watercolor Painting - Art**

After reading The Bake Shop Ghost, have students examine the illustrations. This can be done in small groups if more than one copy of the book is available, or whole group if the book can be shown on an overhead document camera. Have students list several adjectives describing the artwork. Using other books illustrated by Marjorie Priceman, have the students compare and contrast the illustrations from different books. Again, this can be done in small groups if resources allow, or whole group. Using a scanner or color copier, enlarge several covers and illustrations from Ms. Priceman's various books. Students may work independently or in partnerships to recreate the illustrations and/or covers. Provide a variety of materials for the students to work with including non-standard art supplies. Display students' recreations of Ms. Priceman's work and original pieces in a classroom gallery.

#### Optional Resources:

All written and illustrated by Marjorie Priceman

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World

Little Red Riding Hood: A Classic Collectable Pop-Up

Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride

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watercolor paints  
paintbrushes  
watercolor crayons  
paper  
rubber bands  
craft sticks  
pipe cleaners  
plastic wrap  
bowls  
tablecloths

#### Kindergarten Art

K.2.1 Recognize that art from one artist has a similar look or style.

K.9.2 Identify and use media and processes to express ideas, experiences, and stories including:

##### PAINTING:

Media: tempera, finger-paint, watercolor crayons

Processes: brush techniques, wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, sponge

K.12.1 Discuss and identify how and where art is used in their everyday life (such as home, school, or community).

#### First Grade Art

1.9.3 Identify and use media and processes to express ideas, experiences, and stories including:

##### PAINTING:

Media: tempera, watercolor, watercolor crayons; variety of brushes and paint applicators

Processes: brush techniques, wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, sponge

## Second Grade Art

2.9.2 Identify and use media, techniques, and processes to effectively communicate ideas, experiences, and stories including:

### PAINTING:

Media: tempera, watercolor, watercolor crayons; variety of brushes and paint applicators

Processes: wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, sponge, wash, resist

## Third Grade Art

3.9.2 Identify and control different media, techniques, and processes to effectively communicate ideas, experiences, and stories including:

### PAINTING:

Media: tempera, watercolor, watercolor crayons; variety of surfaces, brushes and paint applicators

Processes: wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, sponge, wash, resist, watercolor techniques of sponging and salting

## **Indiana Academic Standards Met by Novel Content**

### Kindergarten Language Arts

K.2.3 Generate and respond to questions (who, what, where).

### First Grade Language Arts

1.2.3 Respond to who, what, when, where, why, and how questions and recognize the main idea of what is read.

1.2.7 Relate prior knowledge to what is read.

1.3.3 Confirm predictions about what will happen next in a story.

### Second Grade Language Arts

2.2.4 Ask and respond to questions (when, who, where, why, what if, how) to aid comprehension about important elements of informational texts.

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<http://www.barnesandnoble.com>

Family Fun

[http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/kids/specialfeature/baking\\_rec\\_newsletter\\_04/](http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/kids/specialfeature/baking_rec_newsletter_04/)

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