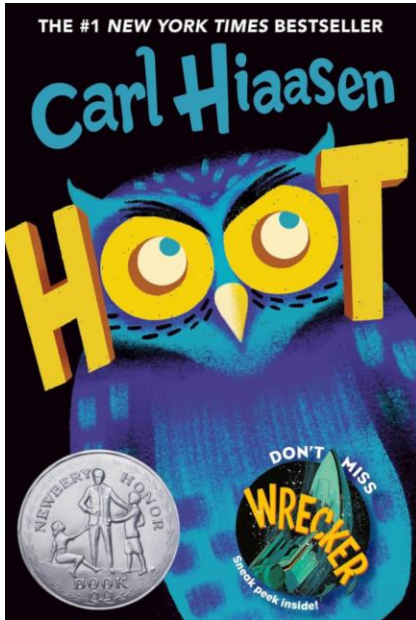


## Discussion Guide for Families



### Hoot

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**Themes:** Environment and Sustainability

**Book Brief:** A pancake house wants to open a franchise in Florida, but the site under consideration is where endangered owls live. A newcomer to the neighborhood, Roy Eberhardt, joins forces with other kids to stop construction and save the owls.

## READ ALOUD

### Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the title and cover of the book. What do you think the story might be about?

### While Reading: Make Connections

- What three words would you use to describe Roy at the beginning of the book?
- How does Roy change as the story goes on? What causes these changes?
- Why is Roy so determined to protect the owls and their home?

### After Reading: Ask Questions

- Do you think anyone can be a farmer? Why or why not?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.