

TAKE THE UNICORN RESCUE SOCIETY CHALLENGE!



Are you ready to challenge yourself with these activities based on the book series? Take video, pictures, draw, paint, whatever inspires you, then post your creations to social media! Have fun, and keep your eyes open for magical creatures...

CHALLENGE #1 *THE CREATURE OF THE PINES*

PROMPT 1

In *The Creature of the Pines* we meet the dastardly Schmoke brothers whose view of the world is summarized nicely in the phrase written on their vats: "Schmoke Industries, Making the World The Way We Want It To Be." What might a Unicorn Rescue Society member find wrong with this idea? How can we, instead of working to change our environment, be better partners with the world around us? A few ideas to get you on your way: eat local foods (so easy for us in California!), accept that we live in a hot environment and keep your thermostats set a bit higher, or find out what plants are native to our environment and plant a few.

PROMPT 2

Dr. Griselle Thomas is a "keeper of history, a guardian of the land, and a protector of things that must remain unseen...." There is a lot of talk in this book about "retelling history with an accent on truth." Can you think of a piece of history you've learned that didn't tell the whole truth? Talk to your elders, do a bit of research, discover a piece of history - be it family or of your broader community - that you didn't know or had heard told differently.

CHALLENGE #2 *THE BASQUE DRAGON*

PROMPT 1

We learn from Mr. Mendizabal that the basque language and culture were outlawed by Franco in Spain. Even his name, Mitxel, had to be changed to Miguel in order to abide by that rule. Do a bit of research, talk to your families, and find out how this happened to other peoples in our own country, how it can happen more subtly today, and think of some ways you and your friends can celebrate your own cultural heritage!

PROMPT 2

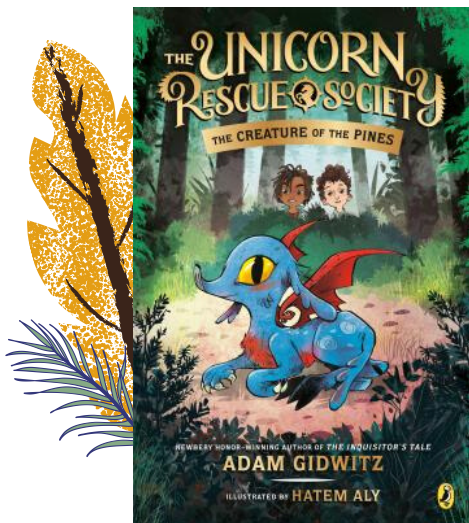
Inigo, Mitxel, and Professor Fauna all learn a bit about the difference between independence and isolation while saving the Herensuge: "Independence, yes! But isolation, no! They are not the same thing! We can live by our own laws - relying on the strength of our own hands - but we can also reach out our hands to the rest of the world. One euskaldun is strong, but with the strength of our families and neighbors, we will endure forever" (169). Think of ways in which your independence and strengths are enhanced by your family and community's support.

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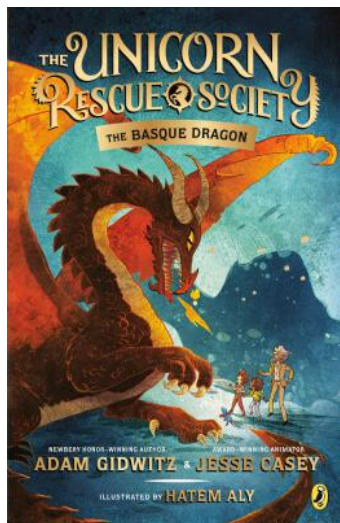
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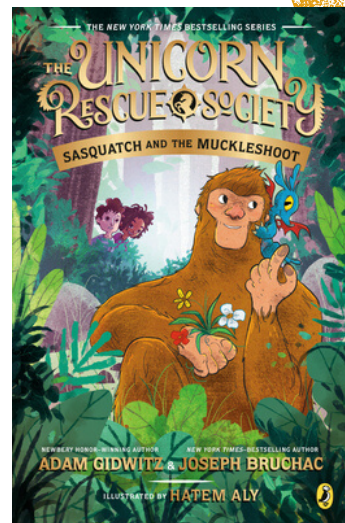
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The Creature of the Pines



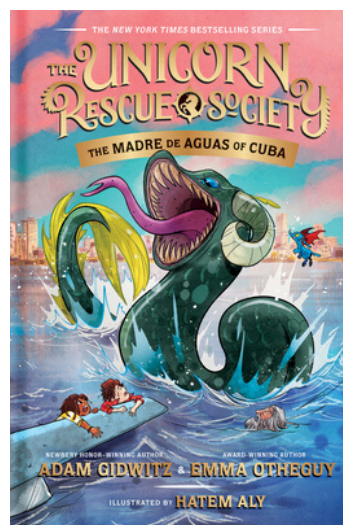
Unicorn Rescue Society #2
The Basque Dragon



Unicorn Rescue Society #3
Sasquatch and the Muckleshoot



Unicorn Rescue Society #4
The Chupacabras of the Río Grande



Unicorn Rescue Society #5
The Madre de Aguas of Cuba



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