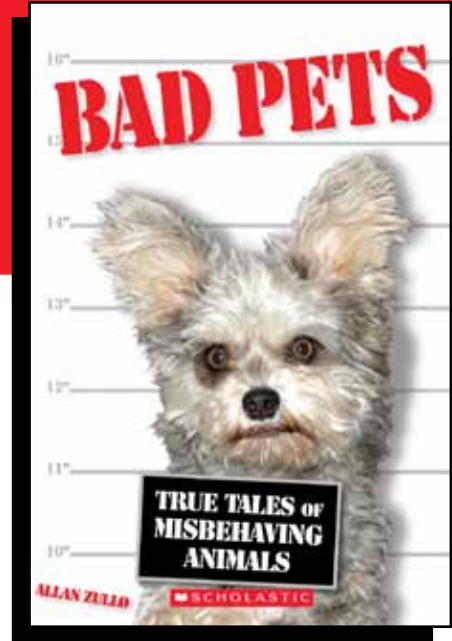


Booktalk!

Bad Pets Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- A copy of *Bad Pets: True Tales of Misbehaving Animals*
- 2 actors (Mark and Kate)



Mark: Charlie's in the doghouse again. He keeps chewing the furniture, knocking over the water cooler in the kitchen, even stealing food off people's plates at the dinner table! We have sent him to doggie training camp and everything! Nothing works, he just keeps being bad.

Kate: But he is *so* sweet, and such a good companion! He really isn't that bad a dog. You should hear what my friend's dog, Rancher, did!

Mark: Oh, no! Don't let Charlie hear. I don't want him getting any ideas!

Kate: Rancher locked my friend out of his pickup truck, put it in gear and smashed it into a tree!

Mark: Dogs can do that? Uh-oh. I am in big, BIG trouble!

Kate: My friend, Sherry, had a parrot that liked to escape from his cage and turn on every faucet in the house. Several times Sherry came home to a flooded house! Good thing she knew how to swim!

Mark: Actually come to think of it, I once heard a story about a puppy that blew the roof off his owner's home! They still have no idea how he did it.

Kate: Samantha's cat keeps stealing clothes from her neighbours! Last night, she brought home the next door neighbour's briefs! There are tons of stories! You have it easy with Charlie!

Mark: Okay, okay... Maybe I will try not to be so hard on my poor dog.

Kate: Allan Zullo, wrote a whole book about pets behaving badly. Let's go to the Scholastic Book Fair and get it! Then you'll *really* see what a good dog Charlie is!