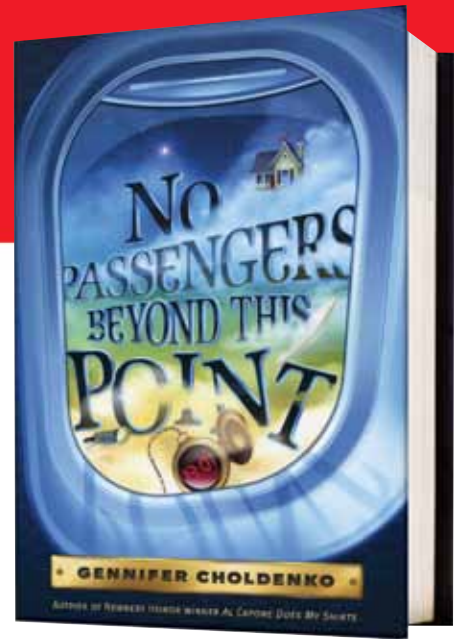


Booktalk!



No Passengers Beyond This Point Book Talk Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- A copy of *No Passengers Beyond this Point*
- A walkie-talkie or other device to make an 'announcement'
- 3 actors (Flight Attendant, Mouse, and India)

(Set-up 2 rows of chairs with an aisle in between, just like an airplane. Flight Attendant stands at front with Walkie Talkie as a prop. Mouse and India are sitting in chairs and you can have extra volunteers to act as other passengers.)

Flight Attendant: *(In dramatic, uber-friendly, slightly-annoying voice, and with a big smile)*
Good evening and welcome aboard Flight 238. We are so glad you decided to travel with us! When we land you will not be in Albuquerque, nor Denver...

Mouse: *(Jump up excited and interrupt)* Where are we going?

India: Shhh! *(Pull Mouse back down)*

Flight Attendant: Where you think you are may not be where you actually are.

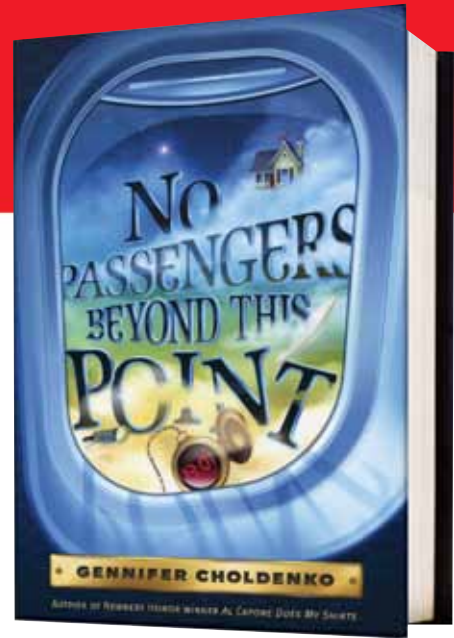
Mouse: *(Jump up again)* What does that mean?

India: *(Pull on Mouse's arm to get her to sit down)* Mouse! Be quiet! Stop interrupting, and stop asking so many questions! *(Say under your breath)* I can't believe mom is making me take care of you. *(Roll your eyes)*

Flight Attendant: Where will you be? *(Raise eyebrow and squint narrowing your eyes)* That's an interesting question isn't it? Are you really anywhere if you are not on a map? Falling Bird is a place of no logic, no order, and no directions. Once you're there you will have to figure out how to get home, and time will not be your friend.

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Mouse: *(Whine loudly)* But I want to go home now!

Flight Attendant: Maybe when you get to Falling Bird you won't want to go home...that will be up to you.
(Point at Mouse and wink before turning your attention back to the passengers)
So please keep your hands and legs inside the plane at all times because it is going to be a VERY bumpy trip!

India: Excuse me... *(Put your hand in air, and wave for attention)* we do not want to go to Falling Bird.

Mouse: Mommy said my sister and brother and I have to go to our Uncle Red's in Fort Baker.

Flight Attendant: Ah! I see. *(Look at Mouse, smile sweetly)* For passengers with connecting flights in Falling Bird for other destinations please, please, please...remember to stop by your Scholastic Book Fair for proper directions. *(Hold up a copy of No Passengers Beyond this Point)* And maybe...clues for how to get back home.