

Bad Hats Theatre's STORYBOOK SEARCH

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STORY

Storybook Search is an immersive, theatrical adventure taking audiences on a sprawling adventure, weaving in and out of stories, games, and clues as they join with a group of friends to unlock a very special secret. A hybrid of story and puzzles from Toronto's Dora Award-winning Bad Hats Theatre, Storybook Search is created by Matt Pilipiak and Fiona Sauder.

After losing their friend Ollie, expert Searchers Emma, Bonnie, and Max split up and go on an iconic adventure to try to find him again, entering new worlds and meeting whacky and whimsical Storybook characters along the way

CHOOSE YOUR SEARCHER

BONNIE



Always ready for an adventure, Bonnie's great at pretty much everything (just ask Bonnie). Follow them if you're ready to wear your confidence on your sleeve and make friends with everyone you meet.



MAX

Max might be highly anxious, but she's super prepared. First aid kit always on hand, Max will need your help to keep calm. Follow this searcher if you want a masterclass in bravery.



EMMA



If you're looking for the best in the biz, look no further. Emma is the captain of the search squad and ready for anything. If you want to work with a pro, Emma's your searcher.





PRINCE CHARMING



Two young princes have been in competition to woo the princess. You must help them in their final woo-ing task: write the world's most beautiful love poem. The words to complete the poems are in an enchanted pool where you will have to fish out nouns, adjectives, and verbs to help the princes. When the poems are complete, the princes will sing them as an 80's pop ballad featuring the lyrics of the mad-libs masterpiece you've created.



THE BALL



Cinderella's stepsisters are getting ready for the Ball, but they're running late because Cinderella ran off before helping them get ready. You step inside their boudoir where you must help them to find all the matching sets of gloves, glasses, hats and so on to complete their outfits (a la classic memory-Matching Game).



THE PIED PIPER

Scott aka "the Rat Man" has lost his dearest friend and pet rat, Rosie. With her enchanting music, The Pied Piper has lured Rosie into her lair and Scott is at his wit's end trying to rescue her. Scott needs your help to find the Pied Piper in her lair, challenge her to a musical duel (featuring boomwhackers), and get Rosie back.





THE ART GALLERY

The gallery is having a private viewing from the most important art collector in the game: Ms. Goldie Locks (who likes everything 'just right'). There's just one problem: the paintings are missing!

Valerie the Gallerist will need your help and expert art-knowledge to stand in frames to recreate the missing art until Ms. Locks decides they are just right.



RUMPELSTILTSKIN



The Rumpelstiltskins have a problem: Mrs. Rumpelstiltskin hasn't been the same since 'the incident' and is now very cautious of anyone finding out her name, so she changes it all the time. Her husband is distraught and needs your help to decode her new name. Using your best I-spy skills, you'll have to spot items associated with certain letters and put them into the cryptogram puzzle to unlock her new name.



THE PIGS



The Three Little Pigs may be little, but they do big business! These three brothers run a thriving renovation / real estate / house flipping empire.

But today, something isn't right: One of them has been pig-napped by the Big Bad Wolf who is now impersonating one of the brothers (wolves are famously masters of disguise) You'll need to interrogate each of them to find inconsistencies in their stories and figure out which Pig is the Wolf in disguise.





THE PIED PIPER

You run into Scott, a distressed man who has lost his dearest friend and pet rat, Rosie. With her enchanting music, The Pied Piper has lured Rosie into her lair and Scott is at his wit's end trying to rescue her. Scott needs your help to find the Pied Piper in her lair, challenge her to a musical duel (featuring boomwhackers), and get Rosie back.



PRINCE CHARMING



Outside the Rumpelstiltskins' cave, you stumble upon two young princes who have been in competition to woo the princess. You must help them in their final woo-ing task: write the world's most beautiful love poem. The words to complete the poems are in an enchanted pool where you will have to fish out nouns, adjectives, and verbs to help the princes.

When the poems are complete, the princes will sing them as an 80's pop ballad featuring the lyrics of the mad-libs masterpiece you've created.



THE BALL



You find yourself suddenly in the boudoir of Cinderella's stepsisters. They're getting ready for the Ball, but they're running late because Cinderella ran off before helping them get ready. They enlist your help to find all the matching sets of gloves, glasses, hats and so on to complete their outfits (a la classic memory-Matching Game).



THE REUNION!

Ollie reappears just as all three search parties join back together. You've collected the right clues and keys and you unlock The Secret of the Harbour: storytelling stones! These gems are very rare and have the power to collect stories. Each searcher gets to take one home! Remember any story you encounter, any person you meet - the stone will remember. So keep your stone safe, and keep searching for stories!



Storybook Search was originally commissioned by the Harbourfront Centre's JUNIOR Festival where it premiered in May 2023.



Storybook Search is a modular piece that can be adapted to a variety of settings, indoor and outdoor, to fit the needs of your audience.

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