

Hopkins, Jackie Mims *Goldie Socks and the Three Libearians*. Fort Atkinson, WI: Upstart Books, 2007. 32 pages. \$17.95. (ISBN 978-1-932146-68-4)

This is a delightful fractured fairytale of a favorite childhood story. Only this time, the bears are a family of librarians—a public librarian, a school librarian and a student librarian. Everything about their house relates to books. Even the house is made of books. Goldie Socks, late for school, decides to take a shortcut through the forest and stumbles upon the bears' home. She spends time looking for the just right book, using the five finger rule. Then she has to find the just right place to read. Once the bears return home, though, will Goldie flee?

This is a great story for elementary librarians teaching students about finding the right book. The illustrations are a delight to look at and the book will make a good read-aloud. An activity booklet is included with a library lesson geared for K-3rd graders. The author and illustrator have come up with a great acronym for book selection to help students find “A Just Right Book.” The activity centers on the acronym. Clues are given and the students reveal the correct word. The librarian then explains how to use the word to select a book. All the major ways of book selection are included in the acronym--author, blurb, readability to name just a few. Also included is a bulletin board activity using the acronym as the focus. A good addition to the collection of books librarians use to teach book selection skills, this librarian rates it a must have.

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