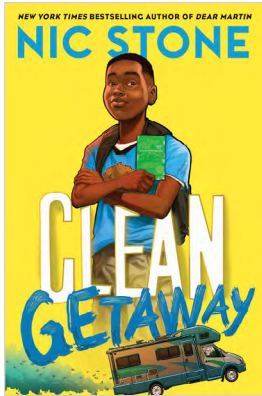


# August Lesson Ideas (Middle)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of August

## Book Ideas

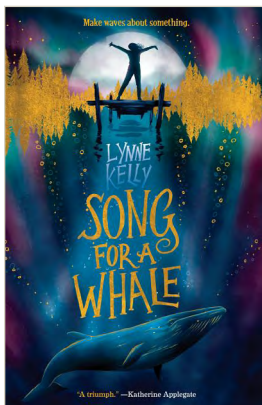


### Clean Getaway

by [Nic Stone](#)

Themes: Chapter Book | Adventure | African American

- Hook your audience by showing the [book trailer](#) for *Clean Getaway*.
- Play the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) to learn more about the creation of this intergenerational road trip.
- Listen to the [audiobook excerpt](#) and have students consider what they learned about G'ma and Scoob.
- Wrap up by watching the [Author Fan Face-Off](#) with author Nic Stone.



### Song for a Whale

by [Lynne Kelly](#)

Themes: Chapter Book | Realistic Fiction | Disability

- Ask students what they know about whale songs then play the [book trailer](#) for *Song for a Whale*.
- Listen to the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) to learn why Kelly wrote this book.
- Use the [ebook preview](#) as a read aloud. What do we learn about Iris, the main character?
- Refer to this [guide](#) to select an informational text to pair with this fictional novel. On page 2, use the *What is this Article About?* worksheet to record answers.

## Author Study Ideas



### Rafael López

- Read the [guest post](#) to learn about López's work process, his studio, and his inspirations.
- Watch the [book trailer](#) for *Bravo!* and discuss what students notice about the format.
- Project the illustrations from *Bravo!* or use the ebook preview to read a poem.
- Introduce your students to the amazing historical figures featured in the book using the [reader's theater script](#).