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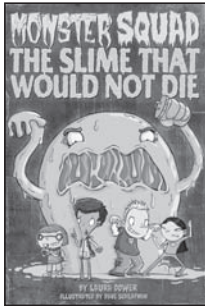


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Get ready for stories filled with mystery, action, laughs, and—of course—monsters!

BOOK #1



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Perfect for boys, girls, reluctant readers, and mystery and adventure lovers
ages seven to nine or grades two to four!

Jesse Ranger was just an average kid with an obsession for Oswald Leery's B-Monster movies until he discovered a dangerous secret. It turns out Leery's special filming process brought his movie monsters to life, and now they've escaped the screen! Something must be done, so Leery recruits Jesse, Stella, Damon, and Lindsey to help. But how do you trap a monster made of slime, a bug that's four times bigger than a house, a beast that can blink you to death, or an army of alien robots?

Discussion Questions

For Book #1: *The Slime That Would Not Die*

The following discussion questions and activity prompts are designed for book club, literature circle, or reading group use. Hand out the member badge stickers on the front of this sheet before beginning your discussion to officially induct each child into the Monster Squad!

- Jesse says that there are a zillion things that make his hometown of Riddle weird. What do you think is the strangest thing about Riddle? What's the strangest thing about your hometown? Write a story about an adventure you and your friends might have because of something weird that happens in your town.
- What does the term B-Monster movie mean? How did Leery's movies get this name? What makes his films special?
- Who is responsible for having released Slimo? How does the Monster Squad finally defeat the B-Monster? What do they do to ensure that no one can ever bring him back to life again?
- Why can only certain people see the slime? What would you have done if you were one of those people?
- Describe the characters of Jesse, Stella, Damon, and Lindsey. What do they have in common? How are they different? Do any of them have special skills that might help in their mission to keep the B-Monsters on the screen and off the streets? Do you think they all have what it takes to be part of the Monster Squad?
- Jesse says that if he "saw a sneak preview of some cool contraption or painted model from the B-Monster master's new masterpiece [he] would be the happiest kid in Riddle ... in the United States, in North America, on Earth, and in the entire solar system." Use your imagination to design a monster or gizmo from Leery's newest film. Draw a picture of it and write a short synopsis of the new film it is used in and a short story about what happens when Jesse sees it for the first time.
- Write a theme song for a brand-new B-Monster movie, like the theme for Slimo that Jesse sings on the way home from the library event. Be sure to include a description of the monster that will star in the film!

