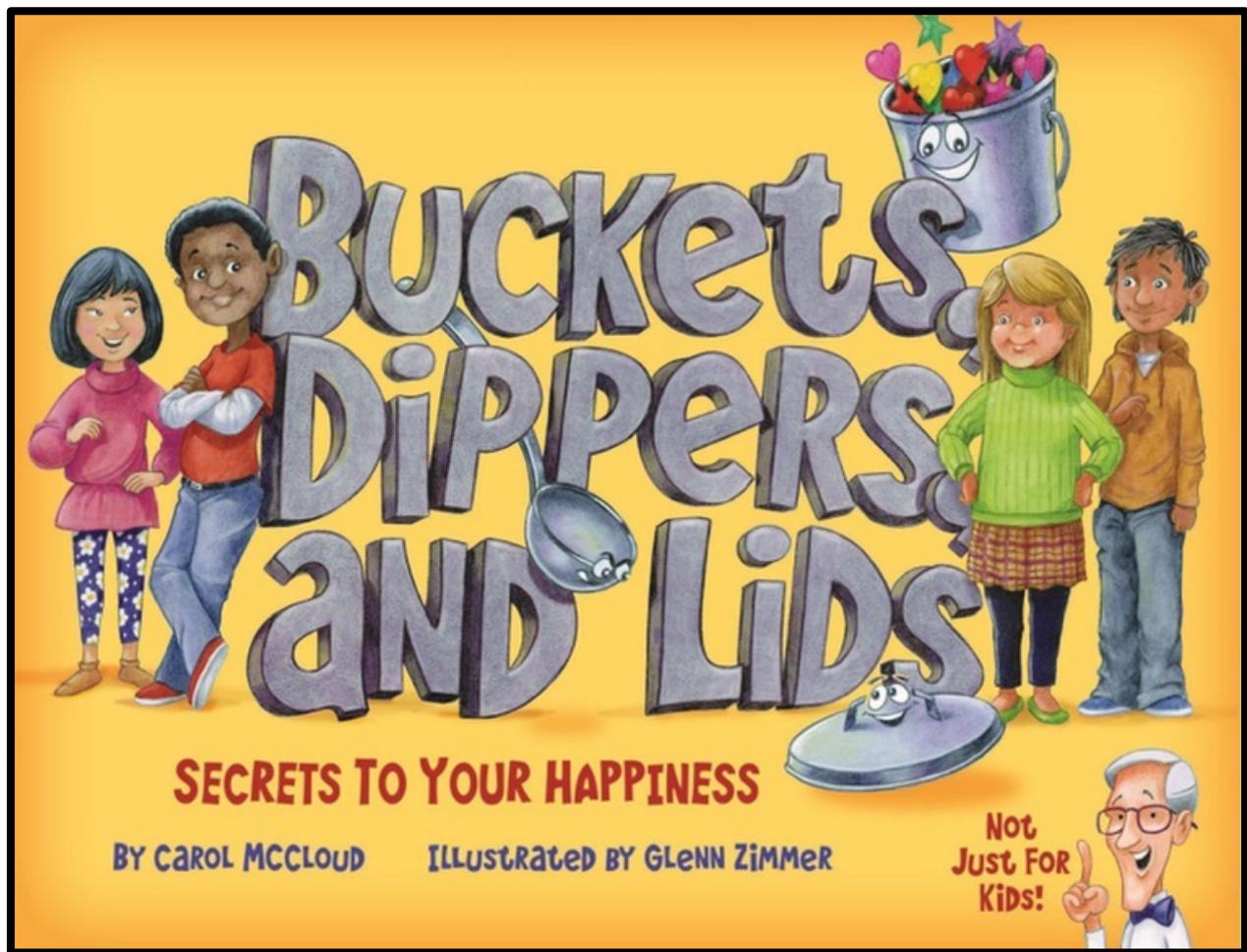


Buckets, Dippers, and Lids

READER'S GUIDE



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Discussion Questions

BEFORE READING

- Look at the cover. Find the bucket, dipper, and lid. Describe each of them.
- Have you heard of a bucket, dipper, or lid before? What do you think each of these does?
- How might these offer “secrets to your happiness?”

DURING READING

- What are the three secrets to your happiness? How is each of them important?
- Whose buckets do you fill each day? Who fills your bucket?
- What is the opposite of bucket filling?
- Which of the examples of bucket dipping have you seen in your daily life?
- How can a lid help you?

AFTER READING

- Take the Bucket Fillers Pledge. Where can you put the pledge to remember to be a bucket filler?
- Who is one person with whom you can share bucket filling?



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Listening Notes

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the book read aloud.

BUCKETS

- Your bucket belongs only to _____.
- It's where you hold all your _____.
- When you were little, you depended on _____ to fill your bucket.
- As you grew, you started to fill your _____.
- You fill at least _____ buckets whenever you are kind to others.
- Learning to _____ is the first secret to your happiness.

DIPPERS

- Dippers are what dip into buckets and _____ some happiness.
- There are many ways to _____ into buckets,
- Bucket dipping could be a _____ that you learned from others.
- Bucket dipping is not _____.
- Your dipper can have a _____ of its _____.
- Learning to resist the _____ to _____ is the second secret to your happiness.

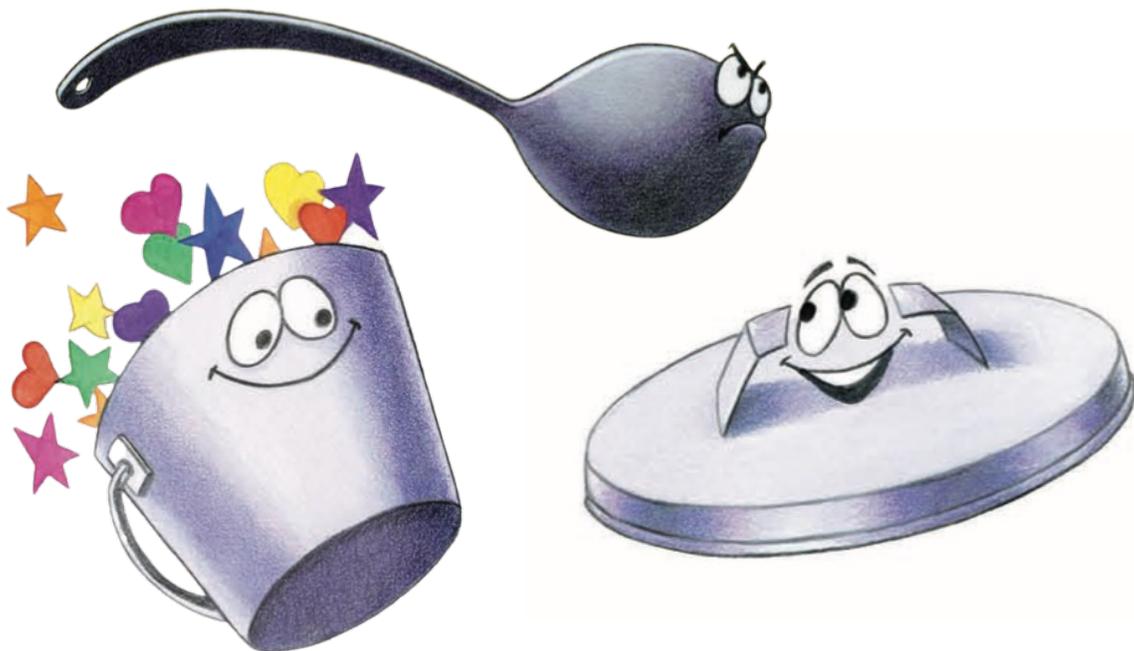


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Listening Notes

LIDS

- Your lid helps _____ the happiness in your bucket.
- Your lid gives you time to _____ and _____.
- Use your lid to _____, think, and try to _____ that people shine at different times and in different ways.
- Don't keep your lid on your _____ all the time.
- Learning to use your _____ is the third secret to your happiness.



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Main Idea & Key Details

DETAIL:

DETAIL:

MAIN IDEA:

DETAIL:



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Author's Purpose/Message

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE Why did the author write this book?

I think the author wrote this book to _____

MESSAGE/LESSON What is this book trying to teach me?

I think this book is trying to teach me _____

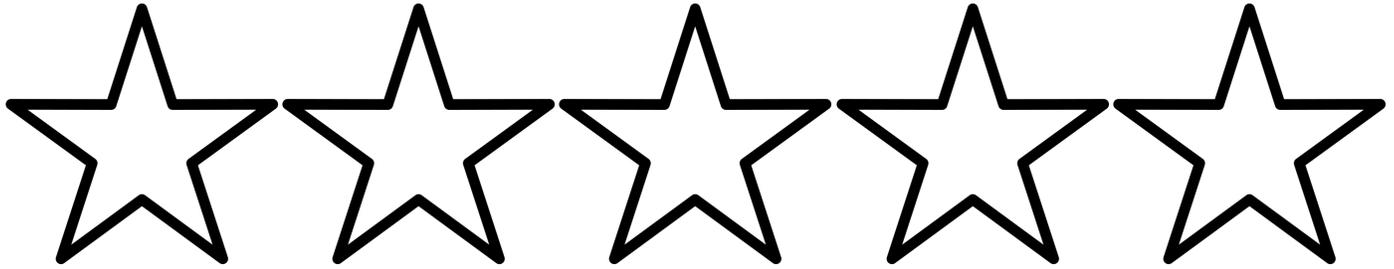


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Book Review

MY RATING:

Fill in the stars with your rating of this book!



MY THOUGHTS:

Share why you gave the book this rating.

Fill a Bucket

Anchor Chart

Cut out these four icons/labels to glue onto your anchor chart (see next page for an example that can also be printed). Fill in the anchor chart with written examples and images (e.g. drawings, cuttings from magazines or newspapers, etc.)



BUCKETS



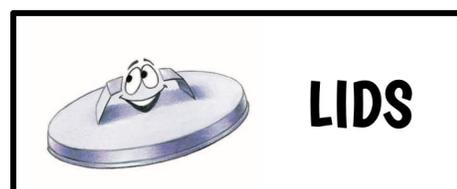
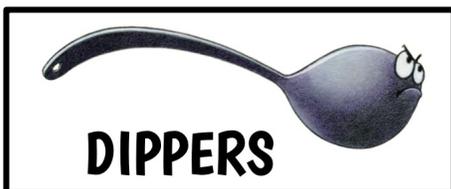
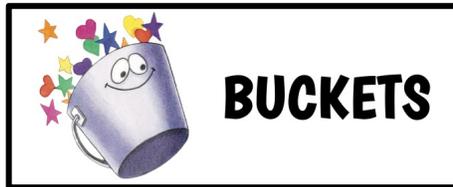
DIPPERS



LIDS

Fill a Bucket

Anchor Chart



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Sorting Activity

Below are definitions and examples of Buckets, Dippers, and Lids. Cut out each of the cards and glue them into the correct column in the table on the next page.

Any "ouch"
feeling is an
important sign
to use this!

This protects
the happiness
in your bucket.

This hurts
everyone.

Learning to fill
this is the first
secret to
happiness!

This is where
you hold all
your
happiness.

These dip into
buckets and
remove some
happiness.

Examples:
Calling people
names, bullying
them, pointing &
laughing

You can fill it
yourself, and
others can fill
it, too.



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Sorting Activity

BUCKETS	DIPPERS	LIDS

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Bucket Face

The illustrated buckets in this book all have unique personalities! Design your own bucket with a face in the space below.

This bucket belongs to:



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Home, School, and World

Brainstorm and record examples of how you've seen people using these three elements (bucket, dipper, lid) at home, at school, and in your world (e.g. in the news).

	BUCKET	DIPPER	LID
AT HOME			
IN SCHOOL			
IN THE WORLD/ NEWS			

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Creator Page

Hello, I'm Elizabeth!

I am a mom, educator, and content creator specializing in children's books. I am especially passionate about inclusive kid lit, particularly social-emotional learning (SEL) titles that have useful applications in kids' lives. I hope you enjoy this Readers' Guide as much as I enjoyed creating it!



What fills my bucket:



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