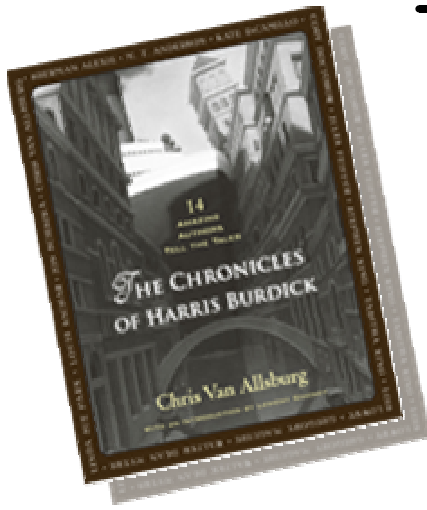


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{ I ♥ BOOKS }



Nearly thirty years have passed since Rhode Island storybook creator Chris Van Allsburg (The Polar Express, Jumanji) published one of the most imaginative books ever, *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* (NOTE: buy the portfolio edition.) It consisted of 14 mysterious pictures and their equally imaginative titles (e.g. A Strange Day in July, Uninvited Guests, Another Time Another Place.) The author never included the stories that were to go with them, allowing readers to dream them up for themselves.

That was 1984. In October, *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick* will be published. Fourteen best-selling storytellers including Kate DiCamillo, Lois Lowry, and Stephen King will give their take on these timeless pieces of imagination. Oh and there's an introduction by Lemony Snicket!



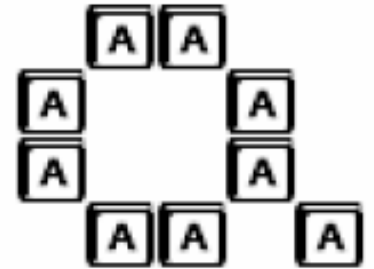
Another Time, Another Place



"...like an acorn growing into a hundred-foot-tall oak tree, so can simple ideas become grand and amazingly complex things."

quote from the official publisher's website. Read more about Burdick at <http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/harrisburdick/introduction.html>

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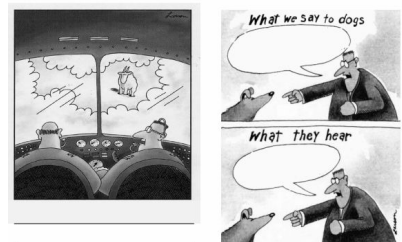
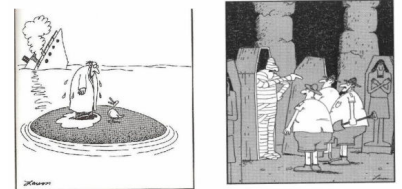


Scrabble Scoresheet

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CREATE-A-CAPTION

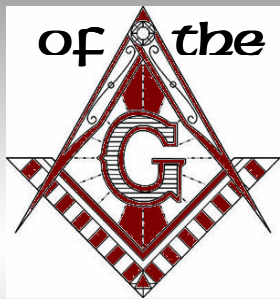
from the words of Gary Larson, creator of *The Far Side*



Create-A-Caption: "Far Side"

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Among the many codes used by the Freemasons in the early 1800s was the "pigpen" cipher



A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

In this variation, each letter is placed sequentially from A-Z into 3 tic-tac-toe grids like you see to the left.

J	K	L
M	N	O
P	Q	R

Next, 1 dot is substituted for the letters in the first grid (A-I), 2 dots for the ones in the second (J-R), and a blank for the letters in the third (S-Z).

S	T	U
V	W	X
Y	Z	

Each symbol is simply the lines which surround the letter in the grid and the appropriate number of dots or no dot.

Example:

F: + =

O: + =

X: + =

The encryption is quite simple once you get the hang of it. Can you decode the "enlightening" word at the top?

Answer: «ILUMINATE»