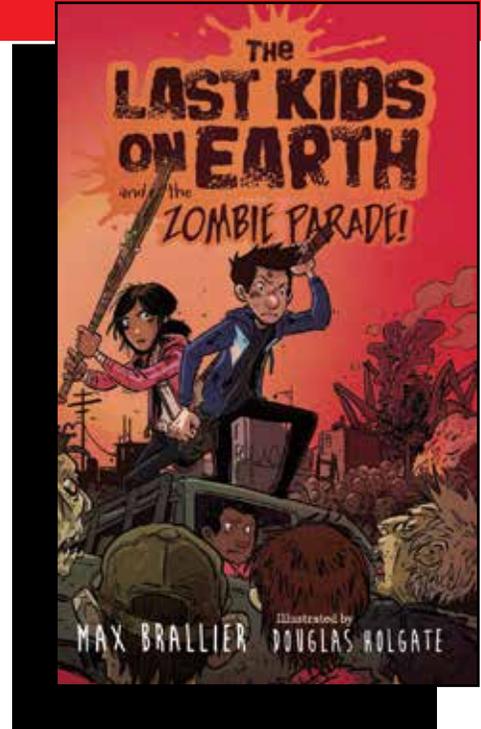


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The Last Kids on Earth and the Zombie Parade P.A. Announcement Script

For this Book Talk you will need

- male narrator



Jack: *(Dramatically)* So there we were. Walking the upper level of the mall, looking down at the corridor below. Most of the mall was a mess – looted and plundered by panicked people when the Monster Apocalypse first began. I caught a whiff of something. *(speaking a little more slowly)* A strange, sweet sort of odour, hanging in the air.

Jack: *(speaking with a sense of urgency)* I caught a flash of movement, below us. A figure, slinking around the corner. An almost-human figure... Seeing that – something almost-but-not-quite human – sent a chill of terror down my spine. My heart started palpitating. Maybe it was just a figment of my imagination...? But no. My eyes might play tricks on me, but not my nose. And the strange, sweet odour was growing stronger.

Jack: *(sounding increasingly dramatic)* My buddy Quint and I crept down the escalator to the main level. We ducked behind a kiosk. And, holding my breath, I peeked around the corner. I saw the figure again. If it was a person, it was a big person...and it was rattling one of the metal gates that hung over most of the store fronts. The figure came to a stop in front of another store. It was then that I finally got a good look at the thing. And what I saw – it turned my blood to ice water.

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Jack: *(sounding frightened)* Suddenly a piercing shriek echoed down the hall. It was June, and she was rushing toward us, with Dirk speeding alongside her. *(frantically)* They were being chased, and we all needed to find cover. Safety. Something to shield ourselves from this beast. What was keeping us frozen in our tracks? We were in a dead end. Trapped. No way out...

Jack: But this is only the beginning of our story. How did we get out of this alive...or did we? Read the rest of it for yourselves. It's called *The Last Kids on Earth and the Zombie Parade*...and it's at your Scholastic Book Fair.