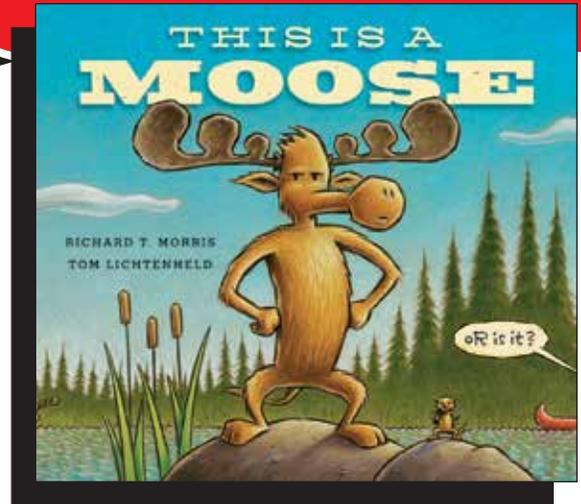


# Booktalk!

## This Is a Moose Script

### *For this Book Talk you will need:*

- 6 actors (Narrator, Director, Moose, Moose's Grandmother, Giraffe & stagehand)
- Moose: brown pants & long-sleeved shirt, brown ears, antlers made from cardboard & pinned to earmuffs, stuffed long brown sock to simulate tail, brown mittens or socks (for hands), black boots, helmet, pictures of male & female moose
- Moose's Grandmother: brown pants & long-sleeved shirt, brown ears, antlers made from cardboard & pinned to earmuffs, stuffed long brown sock to simulate tail, brown mittens or socks (for hands), helmet, fake pearl necklace, lacrosse gloves & stick
- Giraffe: yellow pants & long-sleeved shirt with brown construction paper spots taped on, yellow ears made from cardboard & pinned to earmuffs, stuffed long brown or yellow socks to simulate tail, yellow or brown socks (for hands), brown shoes or boots, stethoscope & toy doctor's bag
- Stagehand: clapperboard, headphones
- Additional props: copy of *This Is a Moose*



**Director:** *(announcing loudly from offstage)* This is a moose — Take ONE!

**Moose:** *(standing onstage with hands on hips)*

**Stagehand:** *(snapping clapperboard in front of Moose then walking offstage)*

**Narrator:** *(speaking in a serious tone)* THIS is the Mighty Moose. *(pausing)* His father is a moose. His mother is a moose.

**Moose:** *(bending down to pick up helmet laying by his feet; attempting to put it on as Narrator continues speaking)*

**Narrator:** This moose wants to be an astronaut.

**Director:** *(jumping in as soon as Narrator finishes speaking)* CUT!

continued on next page...

# Booktalk!

- Moose:** *(dropping helmet to his side and looking dejected)*
- Director:** *(sounding irritated)* Excuse me, but moose cannot be astronauts! Moose are large, hoofed animals that live in the woods. *(taking a deep breath and continuing more calmly)* Now, would someone kindly take the moose's helmet? Thank you.
- Stagehand:** *(walking onstage, grabbing helmet from moose & exiting offstage)*
- Director:** *(announcing loudly)* This is a moose — Take TWO!
- Moose:** *(holding up a piece of paper featuring photos of a male & female moose, looking even more dejected)*
- Stagehand:** *(snapping clapperboard in front of Moose then walking offstage, again)*
- Narrator:** *(beginning again, sounding serious)* THIS is the Mighty Moose. His father is a moose. His mother is a...
- Grandmother Moose:** *(calling from offstage, cutting off Narrator)* Yoo-hoo! *(walking onstage, smiling at Moose & patting him on the shoulder)*
- Director:** *(sounding exasperated)* CUT! Who is THIS?
- Grandmother Moose:** *(pointing to Moose with lacrosse stick; sounding upbeat)* I'm the moose's grandmother. When I was his age I wanted to be a lacrosse goalie.
- Director:** *(slowly with a slight edge in his voice)* You can't be a lacrosse goalie — you're a moose!
- Grandmother Moose:** *(sounding tough)* Oh, YEAH? Go ahead — whip in a shot! I'll show YOU, sonny!
- Director:** *(sighing loudly)* Would somebody please remove Grandma?
- Stagehand:** *(rushing onstage and moving Grandma offstage)*
- Director:** *(breathing deeply then continuing)* This is a Moose *(pausing)* — Take THREE!
- Stagehand:** *(running back onstage — breathless — snapping clapperboard in front of Moose then walking offstage rolling eyes)*
- Narrator:** This is the Mighty Moose. His father is a moose. His mother...
- Giraffe:** *(sneaking onstage where Narrator can't see him/her and standing next to Moose)*
- Director:** *(interrupting Narrator)* Is that a giraffe?!

continued on next page...

# Booktalk!

- Narrator:** Behold the Regal giraffe.
- Giraffe:** *(looking in doctor's kit, taking out & putting on stethoscope)* Actually, I've always wanted to be a doctor...
- Director:** *(sounding irritated)* CUT! Giraffe don't live in the woods! *(even louder)* Giraffe are SAFARI animals. You need to GET OUT of here! *(Giraffe exits looking offended)*
- Director:** *(clearing throat & trying to calm down)* This is a moose — Take FOUR!
- Stagehand:** *(coming onstage, handing clapperboard to Moose and holding up a copy of This Is a Moose)* Why see the movie when you can read the book? *(pointing to book)* This is a Moose — it's at your Scholastic Book Fair!