



Title: The Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide

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Are faeries real? The Grace children think so when they discover a mysterious, handmade field guide in the attic of the old mansion they've just moved into. Strange things start happening to Jared; his twin brother, Simon; and their older sister, Mallory, and the adventures begin.

Let's Talk

People think of fairies (faeries) in different ways. How do you imagine them? Could you draw a picture of one?

Jared knows his brother Simon will grow up to be a vet or a lion tamer. What jobs are you considering?

The Grace family is having a bad time. Can you remember a time when it seemed everything was wrong for you?

Have you ever been afraid at night, only to find nothing? What sounds or sights make you wonder?

How brave are you? Would you have gotten into the dumb-waiter and explored the secret room? Why or why not?

Have you ever been blamed for something you didn't do? What was it like?

Try This

Write down some of the jobs you might do when you get older. Mix the papers in a hat, pull one out at a time and guess who it belongs to.

Put an object in a shoebox. Ask readers to put their hands inside without looking and guess what it is. (Tip: put in sticky, rubbery, furry and other distinctive feeling objects.)

Draw or dress up as your version of a faerie. Are you troublesome? Helpful? Do you fly? Have sharp teeth? Try out face paint.

This is book 1 of a series. Write the first paragraph for the next book.

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