

## Young Hoosier Book Award

### Picture Book Evaluation Form

Submitted by Marianne Berlin & Susan Rehtorik

## Izzy & Oscar

**AUTHOR:** Allison Estes & Dan Stark

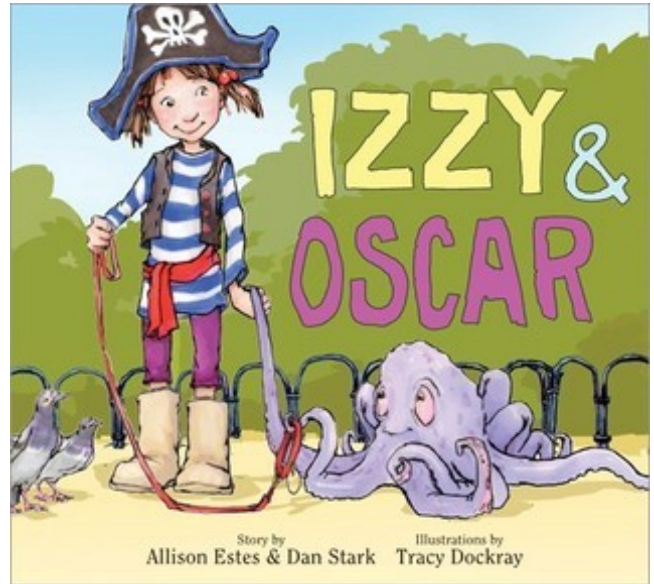
**ILLUSTRATOR:** Tracy Dockray

**PUBLISHER:** Sourcebooks

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**ART MEDIUM:** Pencil, Dyes, Mixed Media, and Color

**GENRE:** Adventure



**AUTHOR BIO:** Allison Estes has written 16 books for children. When she was a child, she loved to go to her uncle's house to exploring the sea life.

Dan Stark is an attorney and a writer. He has written two books. He is a New Yorker and lives with his daughter and their dog named Coop.

Website: <http://www.newyorkwritersworkshop.com>

**ILLUSTRATOR BIO:** Tracy Dockray spent her childhood in West Texas and far away from any body of water. She lives in New York City with her family, dog, cat, and small aquarium.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. If you could have any kind of an animal for a pet, what would you choose and why?
2. Why does Izzy want to keep Oscar?
3. What really good trick could Oscar do?
4. Why do you think Izzy's mother let her keep the octopus?
5. When Izzy decided to take Oscar back to the ocean, what did Oscar do?
6. Describe why an octopus would make a perfect lifeguard.

**BOOK SUMMARY:** Have you ever wanted a different kind of pet? Izzy has always wanted a pet of her own. An adventurous octopus wanders into town and comes across Izzy's path. She decides to keep him. Read more to find out the challenges of keeping an octopus for a pet.

**BOOK TALK:** What kind of pet do you have? Izzy has a very unusual pet. He is not your average pet. Oscar the octopus slithers into town and crosses Izzy's path. She really wants to keep him and works very hard to train him to be her pet. After many mishaps, she realizes you can't change someone. Oscar begins to teach her some new things as well. Keep reading to find out about this amazing new friendship.

### CHALLENGING WORDS:

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camouflage

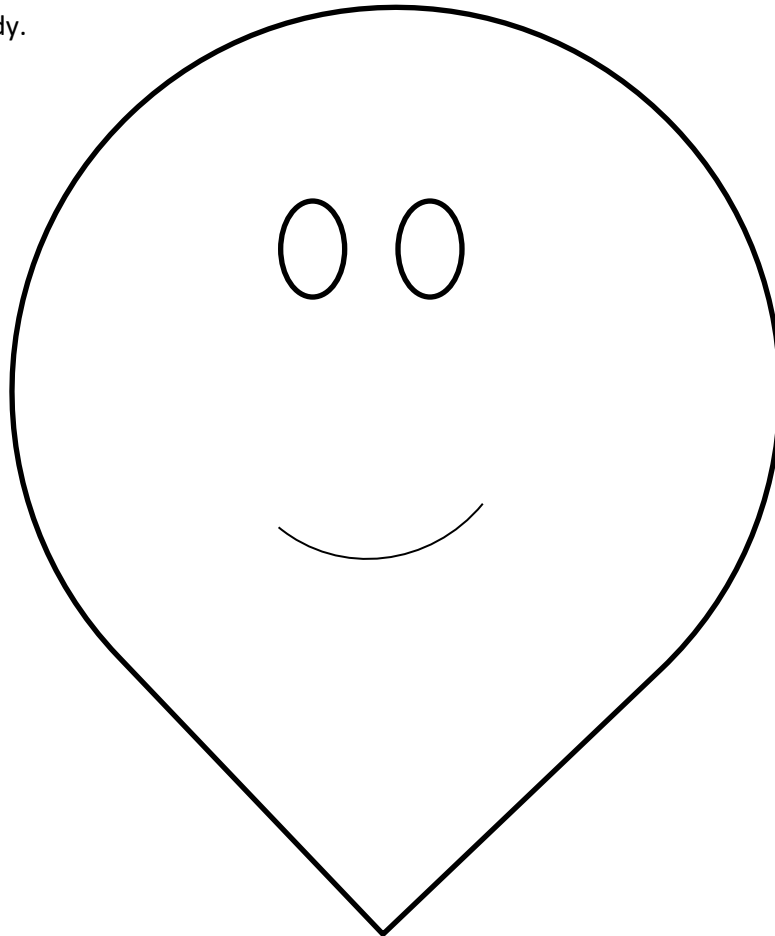
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Izzy and Oscar: Draw Oscar's Tentacles

How many tentacles does Oscar have? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw them on his body.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Izzy and Oscar: Venn Diagram

