Forget Me Not
Ellie Terry

GENRE: Novel in Verse, Realistic Fiction

BOOK SUMMARY
Forget Me Not is the story of Calliope, a seventh grade girl with Tourette syndrome, and Jinsong, a seventh grade popular boy. Calli meets Jinsong after she moves to a new town when her mom breaks up with her crazy boyfriend. Calli and Jinsong live in the same apartment building and attend the same school. Jinsong avoids Calli when she starts to have more noticeable uncontrollable impulses. She is also the focus of painful jokes at school. Jinsong is struggling with a moral decision of standing up for Calli and saving his status as a popular guy.

BOOK TALK
Forget Me Not is the debut novel of Ellie Terry. This is a realistic fiction novel written in verse and prose set in St. George, Utah and tells the story of two seventh graders Calli June, a self-conscious girl with Tourette Syndrome, and Jinsong, a popular boy who is the student body president. Calli June is dealing with hiding her tics at school, suffering from cruel jokes at her expense, understanding her mom’s new relationship, and coming to terms with the possibility of moving yet again. Will Calli June accept herself for who she is? Will Jinsong be a true friend?

LINKS TO HELPFUL WEBSITES
● Official Book Trailer: https://youtu.be/o_FgucYL3gI
● Author: https://ellieterry.com/
● TeachingBooks.net through INSPIRE: www.teachingbooks.net/qli3qw4

MAKERSPACE ACTIVITY
Create a rock collection in an egg carton (p. 51, 62...)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. Calliope Snow asks her teacher to be call her Calli June when she is first introduced to her new class. Why would Calli want to go by another name?
2. Calli has been told by her doctor and her mother not to reveal she has Tourette Syndrome. Why is this bad advice? What advice would you give Callie? Why?
3. Have you ever wanted to be friends with a new kid at school? Did you feel pressure from other kids to not make friends with the new kid? How did this work out?

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● Novel in Verse, Realistic Fiction: Reach for Sun by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer
● Realistic Fiction: Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

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