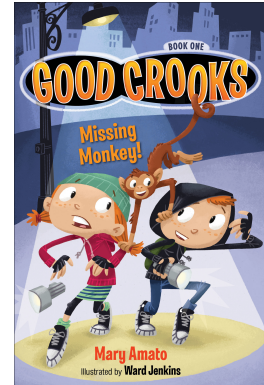


Good Crooks Book One: Missing Monkey!

Reader's Theater Script



Characters:

Dad, Mom, Billy, Jillian, Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Narrator 3, Narrator 4, Narrator 5, Narrator 6, Razzle, and Dazzle.

Dad: This is it. The back door to the Chicago Bank.

Jillian: The cops are going to be here any second.

Billy: I know! I know!

N 1: The three were dressed in black turtlenecks and sneaky caps. You guessed it. The dad is a robber. So is the mom. Ron and Tanya Crook. They want Billy and Jillian to follow in their footsteps.

N 2: Dad handed Billy a sharp metal tool.

Dad: Slide it into the lock and jiggle it until the lock pops open.

N 3: Billy slid the metal pick in the lock and and jiggled it.

Jillian: You look scared.

Dad: Focus, Billy. Think of all that money we're going to steal.

N 4: Billy pictured them running out with bags of cash, and then he pictured the bank owners coming in to find an empty safe. They would be so sad.

N 5: What was Billy thinking? He was a Crook. Crooks shouldn't think about how sad the bank owners will be! Billy glanced at his dad. His dad was bouncing on his toes. His ten little piggies were happy just thinking about money.

N 6: A thought dropped out of Billy's brain.

Billy (to self):

I do not want to rob any more banks! I want to do something nice for a change!

N 1: Billy dropped the pick. Suddenly the door opened and a beam of light hit them.

N 2: A tall guard lunged at Billy. Billy ducked, and the guard grabbed Dad.

Mom: Got you!

Dad: This is it. The end of our Crook ways!

Jillian: Good going, bro.

N 3: The guard laughed and turned on the lights. He wasn't really a guard. He was the mom. They weren't really at the back

door of the Chicago Bank. They were at home, taking a test on lock picking. And the “bank door” was their closet.

N 4: Mom took off her hat and fluffed up her spiky black hair.

Mom: Billy, did you practice?

N 5: Billy didn’t have to say a word. His bright red face did all the talking.

Mom: No bacon on your burger tonight.

Dad: Yeah. Jillian, you take a turn.

Jillian: I invented a new lock opener. I call it the Popper.

N 6: Jillian pulled a small black gadget from her pocket.

Mom: Places! You’ve got exactly sixty seconds to unlock the door, Jillian.

Jillian: No problem!

Mom: Go!

N 1: Jillian pointed her gadget at the door and hit a button.

Pop! She turned the knob and the door opened.

N 2: The parents went mad crazy.

Dad: Woohoo! Does it work on any lock?

Jillian: I think so.

Mom: Billy, do you know what this means? With Jillian's new gadget, you'll be a successful crook, too!

N 3: The mom took the Popper out of Jillian's hand and put it in Billy's.

Dad: Cash! Jewels! Gold!

N 4: Dad started dancing around.

N 5: Billy danced around, too, to make his parents think he was happy. But he didn't want to be a crook anymore. And that was a big problem.

N6: As you can see, the Crooks are not a normal family. When they go to the zoo and the parents steal a monkey named Razzle...

Razzle: Ee ee eh!

N 1: Razzle's sister Dazzle is very sad.

Dazzle: Oo oo eee!

N 2: Will Billy and Jillian be able to return Razzle to the zoo without their parents finding out?

Razzle and Dazzle:

Ooh! Ooh! Ee!

All: Read Missing Monkey and find out for yourself!