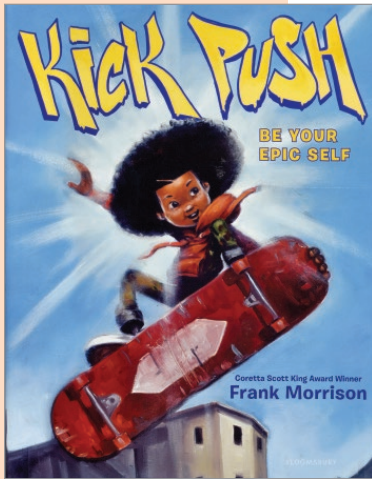


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Let Your Talents Shine

Book Title: *Kick Push: Be Your Epic Self* (Morrison, 2022)

About the Book: Ivan, nicknamed Epic because of his epic skateboard tricks, moves into a new home. When Epic's tricks aren't grabbing the attention of the kids in the neighborhood, he tries fitting in by playing other sports. After this strategy doesn't go as planned, he takes his parents' advice and skates over to the bodega for a treat. There he finds a new crew and, together, they head out for a skateboarding session.

To find a book like this one, look for the following:

- Characters who embrace individuality
- Characters who are passionate about their hobbies



Learning Targets:

- I notice and track the actions and feelings of characters.
- I pay attention to my own actions and feelings.
- I talk, write, or draw about how a person's actions and feelings make them unique.



Comprehension Conversation

Before Reading

Notice the Cover Illustration:

What is the boy on the cover doing? [skateboarding] Do you see anything in the illustration that makes it seem like he's moving? In the creator's note, Frank Morrison tells us that he painted the illustrations using his "signature style of mannerism" to capture the vibe of skateboarding tricks. When artists use mannerism, they stretch out parts of a person's body or twist them in an exaggerated way to show movement. Mannerism gives the painting energy. See if you notice his style as we enjoy this story.

Set a Purpose: Just like Frank Morrison, we all have a "signature style" because we do just about everything in our own, unique way. As you probably predicted by looking at the cover, in *Kick Push: Be Your Epic Self*, you're going to meet a boy who loves to skateboard. Pay careful attention to how his actions and feelings change over the course of the story. Let's go for a ride!

During Reading

- *Front endpapers:* Take a look at the front endpapers. Can you figure out what is going on? [It looks like someone is moving to a new home.] Let's start reading to see if we can figure out which character is moving.
- *A new day in a new neighborhood* page: Use the clues from the text and illustrations to infer how Epic is feeling at this point in the story. [excited, confident, happy] Share the clues you used with a partner.
- *KICK PUSH PLOP* page: Uh-oh! What's changed? Trade ideas with your *compadres*. The word *compadres* on this page means buddies or friends. How would you feel in this situation?

- *Bright and cheerful, Epic decided to try fitting in with the neighborhood kids* page: Epic is following his dad’s advice and keeping an open mind. Does it look like it’s working? Why or why not? What would you tell him to do next?
- *Epic hopped inside the bodega and grabbed his favorite snack* page: How do you think Epic feels when the kids in the bodega say, “Sick moves, bro”?

After Reading

- Share something you learned about Epic by paying attention to his actions and feelings.
- Epic loves skateboarding. Do you have any activities that you enjoy? How do you feel when you’re doing them?



Extend the Experience

- As we skated along with Epic, we noticed that his feelings changed at different points in the story. Let’s revisit three key events in the story to identify and record Epic’s emotions. [Revisit the pages that begin with these sentences to record Epic’s emotions:
 - *A new day in a new neighborhood?*
 - *“What’s going on, Epic?” Dad wants to know.*
 - *Back home they started a gnarly game of Skate.*]

How does tracking a character’s actions and feelings help you as a reader?

- Think back to a story you’ve just read, a movie you’ve watched, or a recent experience. Design a diagram to track the events and emotions that happened during that story, movie, or personal experience.

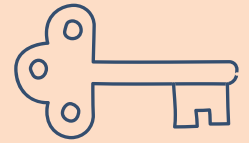
Similar Titles

● *Skater Cielo* (Katstaller, 2022) [Spanish Edition: *Cielo la patinadora*]

About the Book: When Cielo skates, nothing can stop her except a deep pool called *The Whale*. After falling hard while trying to skate *The Whale*, Cielo loses her confidence and stuffs her skateboard into the back of her closet. Then, Cielo meets Mia and Miro, who cheer her on until she overcomes her fear of *The Whale*—one fall at a time.

● *When Langston Dances* (Langley, 2021)

About the Book: Langston likes basketball, but he *loves* to dance. Inspired by a performance of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater he begins practicing until he’s ready for his first day of dance school. Encouraged by his mother, he joins the class clad in his basketball gear. The teacher, Ms. Marie, gives him a pair of black ballet slippers, advises him to work hard, and he does!



Key Vocabulary and Kid-Friendly Definitions:

- cheerful: filled with happy feelings
- defeated: feeling like you’ve lost or haven’t been able to do something
- drenched: soaking wet



Upper Elementary Extension:

Skateboarding was added as an Olympic sport in 2020. Curious learners can research past and future Olympic skateboarding events and/or athletes and share their findings with the class.

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groovy
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excited

Epic is off to find a new crew.

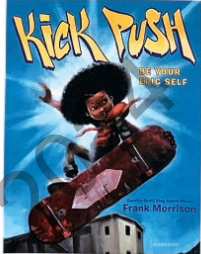
frustrated
disappointed
forlorn
upset

Epic hasn't found new friends.

joyful
groovy
cool
excited

Epic finds a new crew.

Track
Epic's
Feelings



This helps me as a reader to...

- pay attention
- make connections
- remember important events

Track Character's Feelings Chart

Feelings when I go down the huge water slide

SPLASH

abhh

happy
relieved
wanted to go again

at the bottom of slide

because going down the water slide

excited
happy

yay

woah

because at the top of water slide

yay

ok a little overwhelmed

getting closer to the top

splash

Scared
anxious
afraid

nervous
afraid

Tracking Actions and Feelings About a Personal Experience Work Sample