

Teddy Mars: Almost a World Record Breaker

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Annotation

Teddy Mars wants to stand out... in a house full of siblings. With the help of his best friends, Lonnie and Viva, Teddy attempts building the biggest snow mound, stuffing the most grapes in his mouth, and lifting a chair with his teeth. He'll try anything, even if it means sleeping in a tent and cleaning up pigeon poop for the Grumpy Pigeon Man. Too bad his little brother, The Destructor, always gets in the way of Teddy's record-breaking plans! His determination will have readers laughing out loud and trying to break records of their own!

Book Talk

This is a hilarious story of a ten-year-old boy from a big family who dreams of making it into The Guinness Book of World Records. He just wants to stand out...and he and his friends try lots of different things to do it!

Book Trailers

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkH9anR0zgE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZog5o9aN18>

Author on the Internet

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Items to use in a library display

- *The Guinness Book of World Records*
- stuffed/plastic pigeons
- Star Wars action figures
- tent
- rake

First Line of the Book:

- "The day my brother climbed into the cat box was the day I knew my life would never be normal again."

Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)

- *The Guinness Book of World Records*
- *Let's look at pigeons* by Piehl, Janet

What to Read Next

- Origami Yoda series by Tom Angleberger

Other Books by this Author:

- *Teddy Mars: Almost a Winner*
- *Teddy Mars: Almost an Outlaw*

Additional Resources

- Music: Make up a song about a dirty, stinky sock like Sharon!
- Music: *Oklahoma!* (songs from the musical)
- Art/craft activity: Draw a record you would like to break. Teddy loves taking care of the pigeons. If you could choose, which animal would you take care of? Make a diorama that shows this. What would you need to take care of this animal? Put as many details in your diorama as you can. <http://mollybburnham.com/parents-teachers/>
- Reader's Theater script: <http://mollybburnham.com/parents-teachers/>
- Interview with the author: <http://mollybburnham.com/parents-teachers/>
<http://www.fromthemixedupfiles.com/2015/04/post-interview-molly-burnham-author-teddy-mars-world-record-breaker/>
- Writing and Math connections: <http://mollybburnham.com/parents-teachers/>
- Lesson ideas: Measurement activities - measure 28 feet 4.5 in. (longest fingernails), 418 ft. (tallest roller coaster), 3.86 in. (longest tongue) ...look for more tallest, longest, shortest records to compare to classroom items.
- TEDDY MARS PIGEON POOP GAME by: Oliver King (@crazyhippo)
Use the arrows, dodge 40 poops to win! To restart the game click the green flag V.
<http://mollybburnham.com/kids/>
- Advice for those wanting to break a world record:
<http://www.businessinsider.com/5-things-you-should-know-if-you-want-to-set-a-guinness-world-record-2013-11>
- Food: apples and milk, pancakes, brownies, cookies, corned beef hash, cupcakes and ice cream, popcicles
- Charm: Endurance tag, all star trophy, or leaf