

Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile

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Annotation

- Art, mystery, fun and friendship, combine in this illustrated middle grade series debut. Sixth grader Edmund Xavier Lonrot, codename "Eddie Red," has a photographic memory and talent for drawing anything he sees. When the NYPD is stumped by a mastermind art thief, Eddie becomes their secret weapon to solve the case, drawing Eddie deeper into New York's famous Museum Mile and closer to a dangerous criminal group known as The Picasso Gang.

Book Talk

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Items to use in a library display

- Police badge
- Sketch pad
- Charcoal pencil
- Red baseball cap
- Ipod
- Maps
- Protractor
- Chess pieces and board

Food

- Orange Soda, Ice Cream cone - pistachio, bagel, pizza, Doritos, peanut butter sandwiches

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- What do you like about your school?
- What would be good about having a photographic memory and how could you use it to your advantage?

- What features do you notice when you meet someone?
- How could Eddie improve his relationship with Detective Bovano?
- Describe something you are uber excited about.
- What would you rather have; your tuition paid for a prestigious school or the money?
- What kind of games do you like to play with your friends?
- What people would you like to have in your group?
- What kind of museums do you like to go to and what is your favorite thing to look at.
- What would you use as a disguise to try to hide yourself?
- What expressions do you say all the time?
- What are some alternatives to the choices he made?

First Line of the Book:

- "State your name."

Non-Fiction Companion Titles

- Picasso Biography
- Police books
- Different kinds of Maps
- Chess books

What to Read Next

- *The Secret Box* by Whitaker Ringwald
- *Girl from Felony Bay* by J.E. Thompson

Other Books by this Author:

- *Eddie Red Undercover: Doom at Grant's Tomb* by Marcia Wells
- *Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery in Mayan Mexico* by Marcia Wells

Additional Resources

- Geography: Use a map to find places like New York City; Paris, France; Spain and Germany. Use Google earth to see what each city looks like.
- PE activity: Learn basic self-defense moves
- Art/craft activity: Using the descriptions in the book, try drawing some of the characters in the book.
- Interview with the author: <http://marciawellsauthor.com/marcos-interview>
- Lesson ideas:
 - Go on a virtual tour of the museums listed in the story.
 - Research Picasso
 - From the State Library of Louisiana via TeachingBooks.net: http://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/LARC/Eddie_Red_Undercover.pdf
- Art Museums Eddie Visits: <http://marciawellsauthor.com/eddies-art-gallery>
- Field Trip: Visit a local museum and sketch something that interests you.
- Use the app Museums of the World or Google Art projects to look inside museums.