

Nickel Bay Nick

By Dean Pitchford

Annotation

- Sam gets in and out of trouble a lot. It all finally comes to a head when he does major damage at his neighbors house. Sam discovers his neighbor has a few secrets he is willing to share along with one that will change his life.

Book Talk

- The town of Nickel Bay has given up hope. Nickel Bay Nick a local good Samaritan who hides hundred-dollar bills around town each Christmas season has abandoned them. Sam Brattle is feeling the abandonment more than others. His dad's bakery is on the brink of bankruptcy, his mother has a new family and he has fallen in with the wrong crowd. One night changes Sam's life forever...while eluding the cops he causes damage to his neighbor Mr. Well's house. The deal is fix the damage or risk the possibility of being taken from his dad. Sam discovers while working for Mr. Well's that there is still hope for the town and for him and that sometimes crime does pay.

Book Trailers

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv_nZtLfgRs

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Items to use in a library display

- fake money, Christmas lights, bakery shop items, calendars pages for December and January, tea,

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- What advice would you give Sam when he discovers his mom is remarried?
- Would you be willing to a "Nickel Bay Nick"? How would you do this?

First Line of the Book

- "Crash! From where I'm standing in the parking lot of the condemned Nickel Bay railroad station, I hear glass from the broken window shatter as it hits the concrete floor inside."

Non-Fiction Topics

- Christmas/ Holiday books
- Friendship
- Mythology- Phoenix
- military

What to Read Next

- *Hanging out at the Pancake Palace* by Nan Marino
- *Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile* by Marcia Wells
- *Loot* by Jude Watson
- *The Girl from Felony Bay (Felony Bay Mysteries)* by J. E. Thompson
- ** Off of study guide from author- Oliver Twist and Robin Hood: connections to how being a criminal can sometimes be good....

Other Books by this Author

- *The Big One-Oh*
- *Captain Nobody*

Additional Resources

- Music: Holiday Music
- Art/craft activity: Create cards of encouragement to give to send to people they know or love
- Reading by author: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9AEJARHqJU>
- Book Study/ Lesson Ideas: Download from website <http://deanpitchford.com/on-the-page/nickel-bay-nick>
- Activity: Start an act of kindness, or encouragement movement at your school