

# ***The Tapper Twins Go To War (With Each Other)***

By Geoff Rodkey

## **Annotation**

- *The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)* by Geoff Rodkey. Twelve year old New York City twins Claudia and Reese Tapper are at war....with each other! Their story is told with interviews, photographs, texts, screen shots and emails. Revenge is sweet (and sometimes smelly), but how far will each Tapper sibling go in the quest to get back at the other? This is a laugh-out-loud story of sibling rivalry, revenge and reconciliation that tweens will love.

## **Book Talk**

- No one can agree on how the war between twelve year old twins Claudia and Reese Tapper began, but...IT... IS... ON! Claudia and Reese both try to out-prank, outsmart and out-embarrass each other in this hilarious tale of the love/hate relationship between siblings. Dead fish and gorgonzola cheese, an embarrassing video posted online, being tricked into a ridiculous haircut, virtual death and destruction in cyber-world....nothing seems to be off limits with these two. Do the twins go too far? This is a laugh-out-loud story told with interviews, text messages, photos, and emails. You'll be turning page after page to find out what devious prank Claudia and Reese come up with next!

## **Book Trailers**

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

## **Author on the Internet**

- Official Geoff Rodkey Website: <http://geoffrodkey.com/>
- Tapper Twins series website: <http://www.tappertwins.com/index.html>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GeoffRodkey>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Geoff-Rodkey/156775861041107?fref=ts>
- Tumblr: <https://www.tumblr.com/tagged/geoff-rodkey>
- Instagram: <http://yooying.com/geoffrodkey>
- A conversation with author Geoff Rodkey: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/podcasts/index.html?channel=5&podcast=356>

## **Items to use in a library display**

- Toy cell phone; photo of mohawk haircut; soccer ball; backpack; Thai restaurant menu; printed chat log; a leather vest

## **Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics**

- Have you ever wished you had a twin? What do you think the pros and cons of having or being a twin might be?
- Discuss the role video/computer games play in the lives of you and your peers. Can you relate to Reese and his immersion in his video game world?
- Have you ever played a prank or a trick on someone? Discuss what you did, how the person reacted, and how things turned out in the end.
- The Tapper twins' war started as a result of Reese's embarrassing Claudia in front of everyone in the school cafeteria. Have you ever been embarrassed in public like that? How did you react/respond? How might the story have been different if Reese had sincerely apologized immediately?
- Reese further humiliated Claudia by posting a video of her singing The Vest Song online. Discuss the problems that could arise as a result of posting something embarrassing about or involving another person. Is this a case of cyber bullying? Have you ever had any experience with cyber bullying?
- Eventually, Claudia feels guilty about the things she has done to Reese. Do you think she went too far? Did each of the twins get what they deserved?

### **First Line of the Book:**

- "Wars are terrible things. I know this because I've read a lot of them on Wikipedia."

### **Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

- *The Twin Connection* by Caitlin and Hannah Loesch

### **What to Read Next**

- *Never Mind! A Twin Novel* by Avi and Rachel Vail
- *Free Thaddeus* by John Gosselink

### **Other Books by this Author:**

- *The Tapper Twins Tear Up New York*
- *The Chronicles of Egg: Deadweather and Sunrise*
- *The Chronicles of Egg: New Lands*
- *The Chronicles of Egg: Blue Sea Burning*

### **Additional Resources**

- Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so9iThJ7eQY>
- Art/craft activity: create a scrapbook of yourself and an imaginary twin, including pictures, text message/chat scripts
- Interview with the author:  
<http://www.scriptsandscribes.com/2014/03/qa-with-geoff-rodkey/>
- Lesson ideas:  
<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/The-Tapper-Twins-Go-to-War-With-Each-Other-Novel-Study-Guide-2062871>