



## **Be Quiet!**

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All Rupert the mouse wants is to star in a beautiful, wordless picture book. One that's visually stimulating! With scenic pictures! And style! He has plenty of ideas about what makes a great book, but his friends just WON'T. STOP. TALKING.

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Book Trailer/Author Interview <http://www.allthewonders.com/podcasts/ryan-t-higgins-picturebooking-episode-41/>

<https://readingwithmrteut.wordpress.com/2016/01/29/cover-reveal-and-interview-hotel-bruce-by-ryan-t-higgins/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71TbgVXTBRU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBsHYhYQV50>

Other websites/links: [http://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2017/09/World-of-Higgins-DG\\_v%C2%A6%C3%86.pdf](http://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2017/09/World-of-Higgins-DG_v%C2%A6%C3%86.pdf)

**Food: cucumbers and/or potatoes**

**Wordless Picture book Companion Titles:**

Wiesner, David. *Flotsam*

Lee, Suzy. *Wave*

Raschka, Chris. *A Ball for Daisy*

**Introduction:**

Show a video on youtube showing a wordless picture book (for example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MTKWnxzqvM>) and point out that wordless picture books are silent.

Use Mouse ears, hat and glasses as props to introduce the three characters.

**Story Time Activities:**

Use mouse ears, glasses and a hat to differentiate the characters and retell the story as a readers theater activity

<http://munchkinandbean.blogspot.com/2014/07/felt-mickey-mouse-ears.html?m=1>

Mousey Mix-up and Mouster-piece: Coloring sheet and matching game

[http://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2017/04/Be-Quiet-Downloadable-Activities\\_1105\\_FINAL.pdf](http://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2017/04/Be-Quiet-Downloadable-Activities_1105_FINAL.pdf)

Use a fishbowl filled with actions such as driving a car, brushing your teeth, riding a horse etc. and play charades to guess the action/activity.

Draw a wordless picture story in typical picture book or graphic novel form.

## Discussion Questions

1. What does visually stimulating mean?

Answer: Visually stimulating books have strong illustrations.

2. What are some situations when you can be loud and rambunctious?

What are some situations when you need to be fairly quiet? When must you be silent?

3. Nibbs and Thistle suggest superheroes and kittens to improve Rupert's story.

What suggestions would you make?

4. Who do you think is the loudest character and why do you feel that way?

5. Even if the mice were silent what environmental sounds would have made tremendous noise in Rupert's story?