

Randoms

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Annotation

Zeke Reynolds is randomly chosen to represent planet Earth in the application to enter the Confederation of United Planets. While on the the space station, Zeke begins to unravel a conspiracy.

Book Talk

The Confederation of United Planets has the ability to grant us new technology that will eliminate pollution, hunger, disease and want. In order to prove our worthiness of joining this confederation, we must secretly send four kid delegates to be evaluated in space for the next year. Three of Earth's delegates were specifically chosen for their exceptional skills. Geeky Zeke Reynolds is just a random. Will Zeke prove to be any help to his planet, or will he just cause more chaos as he begins to uncover secrets? Loaded with popular culture references, *Randoms* is sure to be a hit with science fiction fans!

Book Trailers

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTNkw5O4XVg> (a little bit about the book from the author)

Author on the Internet

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Items to use in a library display

- Locket
- Space ship figurines
- Cat Ears

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

1. The dapper giraffe guy has asked you to visit the Confederation of United Planets. Would you take the challenge?
2. How would you feel if you found out you were the “random” representative from your planet?
3. Did any of the characters remind you of yourself or someone you know? How?
4. How did the popular culture references in the book affect the message? Star Trek, Star Wars, Teen Wolf, Doctor Who, Nekomusume, Blade Runner, Taylor Swift, Martian Manhunter, etc.

First Line of the Book:

- “Tanner Hughes was in the process of smacking me in the head and making some unflattering observations about my masculinity while his girlfriend, Madison, leaned against the wall, tapping her phone.”

Non-Fiction Companion Titles

- *How do you burp in space? : and other tips every space tourist needs to know* by Susan E. Goodman
- *Space Q&A* by Edward Willett
- Books on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, also called Lou Gherig's disease)

What to Read Next

- Star Wars book series
- *The Lost Planet* by Rachel Searles

Other Books by this Author:

- *Rebels (sequel)*

Additional Resources

- Art/craft activity: Design your own spaceship
- Interview with the author:
<http://www.mybookishways.com/2015/08/catching-up-with-david-liss-author-of-randoms.html>