***The Girl Who Could Not Dream***

*by Sarah Beth Durst*

### **Annotation:**

Sophie loves the hidden shop below her parents' bookstore, where dreams are secretly bought and sold. When the dream shop is robbed and her parents go missing, Sophie must unravel the truth to save them. Together with her best friend—a wisecracking and fanatically loyal monster named Monster—she must decide whom to trust with her family’s carefully guarded secrets. Who will help them, and who will betray them?

**Book Talk:**

Stolen dreams bought by secretive strangers. A girl who never dreams. A quest for the truth. Sohpie’s parents suddenly disappear! Together with her loyal best friend and monster, YES A MONSTER named monster, they will solve the mystery. She must decide who is trustworthy enough to keep her family’s carefully guarded secret’s. Who will help them, and who will foresake them? Read The Girl Who Could Not Dream to find out more.

**Book Trailers**

* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3jRtsg3qco

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### Items to use in a library d**isplay**

* stuffed monster
* dream catcher
* old books
* magic wand
* a backpack to put monster in

**Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics**

* http://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Ghost/Jason-Reynolds/Track/9781481450164/reading\_group\_guide

**First Line of the Book:**

* “Sophie had only ever stolen one dream.”

**What to Read Next:**

* [*In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*](https://www.amazon.com/Footsteps-Crazy-Horse-Joseph-Marshall/dp/141970785X?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=141970785X) by Joseph Marshall
* [*The Silver Gate*](https://www.amazon.com/Silver-Gate-Kristin-Bailey/dp/0062398571?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=0062398571) by Kristin Bailey
* [*The Island of Dr. Libris*](https://www.amazon.com/Island-Dr-Libris-Chris-Grabenstein/dp/0385388454?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=0385388454) by Chris Grabenstein
* [*Hour of the Bees*](https://www.amazon.com/Hour-Bees-Lindsay-Eagar/dp/0763691208?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=0763691208) by Lindsay Eagar
* [*Soar*](https://www.amazon.com/Soar-Tracy-Edward-Wymer/dp/1481447114?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=1481447114) by Tracy Edward Wymer
* [*Journey Across the Hidden Islands*](https://www.amazon.com/Journey-Across-Hidden-Islands-Sarah/dp/054470679X?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=054470679X) by Sarah Beth Durst
* [*The Power of Poppy Pendle*](https://www.amazon.com/Power-Poppy-Pendle-Natasha-Lowe/dp/1442449268?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=1442449268) by Natasha Lowe
* [*Hope Was Here*](https://www.amazon.com/Hope-Was-Here-Joan-Bauer/dp/0142404241?SubscriptionId=AKIAIQE4RYCTO575J4AA&tag=enhanediti-20&linkCode=xm2&camp=2025&creative=165953&creativeASIN=0142404241) by Joan Bauer

**Other Books by this Author:**

* *Roar and Sparkles Go to School*
* [*Chasing Power*](http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/ChasingPower.htm)
* [*Conjured*](http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/Conjured.htm)
* [*Vessel*](http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/Vessel.htm)
* [*Drink, Slay, Love*](http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/DrinkSlayLove.htm)
* [*Enchanted Ivy*](http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/EnchantedIvy.htm)
* [*Ice*](http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/Ice.htm)

**Additional Resources:**

* Poetry: <https://www.poetry4kids.com/topic/monsters/>
* Art/craft activity: Storyboard of dream sequence or comic strip, paper mache pet monster, draw and label your pet monster
* making a dream catcher DYI-[DREAM CATCHER VIDEO DYI](https://www.google.com/search?safe=strict&client=firefox-b-ab&ei=1IuyWqiLKu3I_QbZxLXAAg&q=making+a+dreamcatcher&oq=making+a+dream+&gs_l=psy-ab.3.0.0i10k1j0l3j0i20i263k1j0l5.60701.65140.0.67153.31.21.2.2.2.0.177.2224.4j14.19.0....0...1c.1.64.psy-ab..10.21.2440.6..46j35i39k1j0i67k1j0i131k1j0i3k1j0i131i67k1j0i46k1.305.ZADei_Ym-Yw)
* Interview with the author: <https://www.kidsreads.com/authors/sarah-beth-durst/news/interview-060107>

 <http://www.sarahbethdurst.com/bio>

* <https://www.thebooksmugglers.com/2015/11/the-girl-who-could-not-dream-sarah-beth-durst-on-inspirations-influences.html>
* Book Study: <https://www.teachingbooks.net/media/pdf/HMH/MiddleGradeMania_Fall2015.pdf>

**Name that Book:**

* “She’d spotted it on the top shelf after her parents left (one to the greocery store and one to tend to a customer).” pg. 1PB
* ”I don’t believe in the birthday fairy, “ Sophie called back.” pg. 21PB
* “As soon as she was home, she’d ask her parents-there must be a simple, not-creepy explanation for both the card and the missing dreamcatchers.” pg. 65PB
* “Reaching the front, Ethan took an apple from a pyramid of fruit.” pg. 99PB
* “She squeezed the hand brakes and jolted forward as the bike jerked to a stop.” pg. 149PB
* “Calm again, the pink bunny hopped back to Sophie, and them drew himself up onto his hind legs and saluted with one of his front paws.” pg. 281PB
* ”Right. You said that. Sort of. More details next time, okay?” Madison cautiously opened the door again, and they all crowded into the kitchen.” pg. 337 PB