



### ***You Don't want a Unicorn!***

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When a little boy throws a coin in a well asking for a pet unicorn, he has no idea what kind of trouble he's in for. Unbeknownst to him, unicorns make the absolutely worst pets: they shed, they poke holes in your ceiling, and they make a big mess.

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Book Trailer/Author Interview <http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/2017/02/book-trailer-premiere-you-dont-want.html>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=H68geURUJNM>

<http://amedyckman.blogspot.co.uk>

<http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/2016/09/book-cover-reveal-for.html>

#### **Food:**

##### **Unicorn cake:**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?params=EAEYAdoBAggB&v=MpdK3me6cpk&mode=NORMAL>

**Unicorn cupcakes:** <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=KqX1s--6CKA>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=jFotp9DRSeA>

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oF\\_qTnJMfYc](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=oF_qTnJMfYc)

#### **Nonfiction Companion Titles:**

Blaisdell, Molly. *The truth about unicorns.*

Summers, Portia. *Are unicorns real?*

Atwood, Megan. *Unicorns.*

#### **Companion fiction title:** *Thelma the Unicorn:*

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zNuJz5Gt5Fo>

**Introduction:** Discuss things (animals) you would not want to be. Have a stuffed unicorn toy. Wear a unicorn headband: <https://www.target.com/p/unicorn-headband-spritz-153/-/A-51144036>

[https://www.amazon.com/Pop-Your-Dream-Headband-Birthday/dp/B073XJF6FS/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_vtph\\_193\\_lpt\\_3?encoding=UTF8&refRID=VMD B22ZX7EEYVRZ0XQAH](https://www.amazon.com/Pop-Your-Dream-Headband-Birthday/dp/B073XJF6FS/ref=pd_lpo_vtph_193_lpt_3?encoding=UTF8&refRID=VMD B22ZX7EEYVRZ0XQAH)

Make a unicorn headband to wear: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqNJvdvj3ac>

Share *The truth about unicorns* and discuss how the idea of unicorns became a belief.

### **Story Time Activities:**

<http://www.playideas.com/25-magical-unicorn-crafts-kids/>

<https://www.cutoutandkeep.net/projects/unicorn-head-toilet-tube-craft-printable>

<https://www.funwithmama.com/unicorn-preschool-activity-pack/>

<https://www.artycraftykids.com/craft/super-cute-unicorn-crafts/>

This is a link to the publisher's website where there are activities for the book, including coloring pages and snack ideas. [https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/lbyr-you\\_dont\\_want\\_a\\_unicorn\\_storytime\\_kit.pdf](https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/lbyr-you_dont_want_a_unicorn_storytime_kit.pdf)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How does the boy get a unicorn?

Answer: He accidentally tosses a penny in a fountain.

2. What trouble does the unicorn cause?

Answer: Unicorns shed, scratch, aren't housebroken and among other things jump!

3. What do unicorns do when they get lonely?

Answer: They call their friends.

4. How do you get rid of the unicorns.

Answer: You have to wish them away with pennies in the fountain.

5. Where did the idea of unicorns come from in the first place?

Answer: The tusks of narwhals were found on the beach.