



The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives

by Michael Buckley

Interesting Facts:

- *The Fairy-Tale Detective* is the first book in a nine book series. The following books continue the adventures of the Grimm Sisters, their family, and even more Everafters.
- *The Sisters Grimm* was author Micheal Buckley's debut novel, since its publication he has gone on to write multiple other series, including *NERDS*, *The Finnverse*, and *Undertow*.
- Granny Relda is based on Micheal Buckley's grandmother of the same name.
- A hint to Mr. Canis's true identity is given in his last name, which is latin for dog.

Discussion Questions:

- Do you relate to Sabrina or Daphne more? Why?
- Why do you think the Scarlet Hand took Henry and Veronica Grimm? What other Everafters do you think will be involved with the Scarlet Hand?
- Which Everafters do you hope will be included in later books in the series?
- Fairy tales have been around for centuries. Why do you think they have endured for so long? What aspects of fairy tales do you consider timeless?
- What magical item from the Hall of Wonders would you most like to have?

- Were you surprised by Jack's betrayal? What clues did the author give that pointed to Jack being behind the crimes?

Other Resources:

- Michael Buckley's website can be found [HERE](#)

Additional Activities:

Read an original fairy-tale: All good detective work starts with research! Find an earlier version of the fairy-tale and read it. How is it different from what you thought? How is it similar? If you want to go the extra mile, read multiple versions of the same story from around the world! For example Cinderella has versions from China, Egypt, and Iceland, among others.

Fairy tale rewrite: What's your favorite fairy tale or one that is most interesting to you? Take the basic premise of that story and write your own version! Change the setting, time period, the physical qualities of the characters, or even key plot points

Disguise yourself for the ball: Sabrina and Daphne need to sneak into the Everafter's party to help defeat the giant, unfortunately they aren't very welcome and have to disguise themselves in order to get in. If you were in the Sisters Grimm's shoes, who would you disguise yourself as to sneak into the ball? Using things you already own, turn yourself into an Everafter and take a selfie to share!

Follow in the Grimm's footsteps!: Most people think of the Brothers Grimm as writers of stories, but really they were more like collectors. They traveled far and wide in search of fairy tales, then wrote them down for future generations to enjoy. Our heroines take a slightly different approach by writing down their own adventures. Well, now it's your turn! Write a short story like a Grimm. You can either create a small collection of stories

(true or made up) from family and friends like the real life Grimms, or be like Sabrina and Daphne and write about your adventures!