



Elementary

Red & Lulu
by **Matt Tavares**
RL 2.0 IL P-2

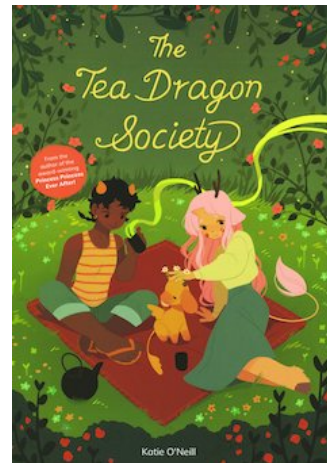
A pair of birds who make their nest home in a beautiful evergreen tree are separated by an unthinkable event before a Christmas season of miracles helps them find each other again.



Middle School

The Tea Dragon Society
by **Katie O'Neill**
RL 3.0 IL 3-6

After discovering a lost tea dragon in the marketplace, Greta learns about the dying art form of tea dragon care-taking from the kind tea shop owners, Hesekiel and Erik. As she befriends them and their shy ward, Minette, Greta sees how the craft enriches their lives—and eventually her own.

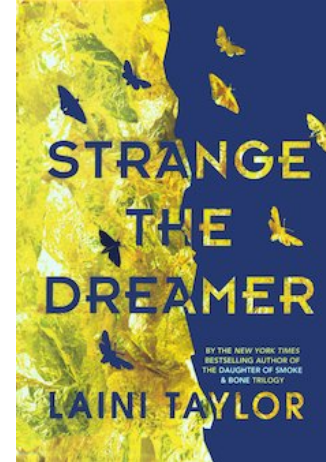


High School

Strange The Dreamer
by **Laini Taylor**
RL 6.1 IL 9-12

In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, refugees in a mysterious, nameless city struggle with dangerous secrets and seemingly impossible dreams.

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The holidays are approaching! Soon, students will be eagerly anticipating holiday break. It can be a fun time of year—but also a prime source of distractions, daydreaming, and the threat of getting off track with educational goals.

So, how can you overcome the natural inertia generated by turkey dreams and sugarplum visions? Better yet, how can you harness this energy to create an even better learning environment for your students? Here are some suggestions:

- Decorate for the holidays! Creating a festive classroom environment and tying the decorations to educational goals can help keep kids engaged.
- Incorporate themed lessons! For instance, have students create a budget for holiday gifts, read books about holiday history, examine the characteristics of evergreen trees, look at the structure of snowflakes, or write a play on holiday themes.
- Stay structured! Keep to classroom rules and procedures, holidays or no, so kids have a sense of continuity, order, and stability.
- Incorporate fun activities! You can use periodic fun, interactive activities to refresh kids' minds and help them burn off excess holiday energy.
- Keep the cheer on an even keel! Looking forward to the holidays is one thing—acting like you can't wait to leave is another. Don't let your holiday countdown get in the way of focus.
- Try new things! This is the perfect time of year to try out new tech and new ideas to combat boredom.
- Get them moving! In many places, the holidays coincide with colder weather and more time indoors. Combat this tendency—and improve students' health and focus—by instituting short movement breaks.

Of course, reading fiction and nonfiction with a holiday tie-in can be another way to

meet classroom goals with seasonal themes. Visit perma-bound.com, where you'll find hundreds of titles that connect with the holiday season!

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